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New York, September 10, 1925.

Mr. Walter Banker,
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Dear Mr. President:

It affords me real joy to formally notify you of the acceptance of your call to become General Secretary of the Luther League of America, taking effect January 1, 1926.

I pray that the Lord may use me through this new relationship for greater service to His Church.

Yours faithfully,

AMOS JOHN TRAVER.

Taking Up Space or Filling a Niche

CLARENCE C. DITTMER,
Treasurer, Luther League of America.

THE American youth of today is living in an utilitarian age. In the industrial and social life of the nation, the question is constantly being asked: "*Why* are things being done this way? *Why* are men and women and children being compelled to toil at tasks which stunt them rather than tend to develop the talents that are in them? *Why* are not all men and women given ample opportunity for self-development and self-expression in this 'land of freedom of opportunity'?"

In the academic studies and literary pursuits, too, the American youth is being taught to question precedent and to inquire the reason for the conditions which exist and to search for the underlying cause that brought about those resulting conditions.

In the business life also, the youth who is being trained for administrative leadership in a higher or lower position is asking of his co-workers above or under him: "Why is this method preferred to any other? Is the expense justified?"

It is only natural, therefore, that the youth of today living in this utilitarian atmosphere should carry the same inquiring spirit into his religious life, depending of course upon his former religious experience or training. Where he has not been brought into touch with the religious life, it is only natural that he should brand the church or religious institutions as unnecessary. It is not this latter type of youth which I have in mind, however, in my treatment in this article.

All of us deplore to a greater or less degree, depending upon the viewpoint we take as a result of our own experiences and reactions, this tendency of youth to disregard precedent and only accept such facts as are proven to them to be facts in their own experiences. All of us must sooner or later face up to this problem and realize that this tendency in youth is a reality, varying in degree with every individual.

Its Hopeful Aspects

But, as I am studying this problem, I am coming to realize that in it we have the greatest opportunity we have ever known. The youth of today, almost seemingly questioning everything, is more or less beginning to sift its own life work by asking repeatedly: "*Why* am I here? *Why* am I doing this sort of work in preference to other types of activity? *Am I simply taking up valuable space? earning a living? or am I really filling a niche in this world?*"

I was greatly impressed a few weeks ago when in visiting a large industrial plant in New Jersey that is seeking to change its personnel policy, to hear the young man who was explaining the processes to me, say: "There's no advancement here except for a horse. It's only brawn that counts here. They use ten men now to do the work that a $15,000 crane could do better and more efficiently. My life is worth more to me than this work, and I am not going to let them throw me into the scrap heap. They'll not get the best out of me, for I am seeking something else where I fit."

Again, this same tendency showed itself so forcefully a short time ago when in talking with an older man who holds a position of wealth and industrial influence in America, he made this significant comment: "Sometimes I think I made a failure of my life. It is true that so far as the world sees, I am a great success, and sometimes I think so myself. But now when I see John R. Mott and view the greatness of the work which he is doing, I feel that I am a failure. He is doing the bigger work, that work which in my youth I had felt I had been called upon to do, the leading of young men and women into the service of Jesus Christ. I wish I had my life to live over again. I wouldn't think so much of money, influence or position. I would test each calling to see how much real service I could render my fellowmen."

I believe these two incidents are sufficient to illustrate my conviction that I feel there never was a time when the youth was so open-minded and so ready to think seriously and to discuss thoughtfully as to the calling where one can make the best investment of one's life in the Master's service, not in terms of money, power or influence but in real, worth-while, Christ-like service.

Not all of the youth who consider seriously this call of Jesus Christ to spend their lives in some productive service for Him, will enter the ministry or the diaconate, the mission field or in some home mission, city or country parish. Many of them would be misfits in those callings which call for such high qualities of Christian leadership. But it means that the youth of today is willing to surrender its life more fully to the leadership of Jesus Christ and let Him use them in *every* calling to the furtherance of His Kingdom, in line with the talents with which He has endowed them.

And when that is done, many more young

men will see the transcending possibilities in a life of service in the ministry, and they will experience the real joy of bringing even one sinner into the fold of the Great Shepherd. And the young women will likewise see the joy of service in the diaconate in "showing mercy unto thousands of them that love Him."

The Challenge of the Task

To challenge the young people to consider the claims of Jesus Christ for their lives is one of the greatest opportunities which any minister or layman can have. It's not the task for any one individual; it's the task for all. It's not the task for the President of the Luther League; it's the task for every member of the Luther League.

The League's Opportunity

The Luther League of America has been studying the immense possibilities of the Life Service Department of our work. No other organization in our Church has such an opportunity for presenting specifically and individually the call to the service of the Master in the ministry, in the diaconate, in the home and foreign mission field, and in every walk of life.

A Secretary of a Church Board can make hundreds of effective addresses in all parts of the country every year, but that Secretary can only hope to give the call generally, whereas the Luther League through its Life Service Department can co-operate with the Secretary by constantly holding up in every Luther League organization the ideal of definite service for the Master in the greatest calling in life.

The silent, unconscious influence, exerting itself in the very atmosphere of the League, has led more young men to consider the ministry of the Word and more young women to give their lives as deaconesses, than thousands of splendid addresses could ever hope to accomplish. Both methods are essential.

Perhaps that explains why more than 80 per cent. of the pastors and present leaders of our United Lutheran Church in America received their early training in the Luther League. If it's to be "more men for the ministry," the League must be strengthened in this important Life Service Department.

The Opportunity Is There, But!

The officers of the Luther League realize the urgency of this opportunity, as well as its immense possibilities. It is folly for the League to continue to do its Life Service Work as it has been compelled to do in the past. No busy pastor can hope to give the time which this urgent opportunity merits—and that is just what we have been compelled to do. In spite of all of his heavy pastoral duties during the past two years, the present Life Service Secretary of the League has received more than 2,000 Life Decision Cards signed by the young people of our Church. What couldn't be accomplished by having a full-time Life Service Secretary in the field?

The need is for "Sustaining Members," individuals or Leagues who will contribute $5 or more a year for 1925, 1926 and 1927 to help toward making this advance step possible. The opportunity is urgent. Will each Leaguer give the matter urgent consideration, and send contributions of $5 or more to the Secretary of the Finance Committee, John Greiner, Jr., 400 Lackawanna Avenue, Scranton, Pa.

Are you taking up space? or filling a niche? If it's to be "more men for the ministry" for the Church of the future, we must heed the call to strengthen the Life Service Department.

ORGANIZE LUTHER'S DESCENDANTS

A "Union of Luthers," consisting exclusively of descendants of Martin Luther, was organized recently during the celebration in German cities of the 400th anniversary of the Protestant parsonage, a first family reunion of the Luthers attended by about 80 members of the family having been held upon the invitation of the Luther Society in Erfurt. Pastor Clasen, of Rheinfeld, in an address suggested that methodical research of all affairs connected with the family would be the task of the new union and urged that those belonging to the family should live in accordance with the spirit of the founder . Rev. Otto Satorius, of Dankenhausen, who delivered the festival address, has by tireless research work established that there are today 482 living descendants of Martin Luther, divided into 160 families and living in 130 different places.

INDIANA

Indianapolis

St. Mark's Church has four Luther Leagues. A Junior League composed of children up to twelve years of age; an Intermediate League composed of children from twelve to sixteen years; a Senior League composed of young people from sixteen to twenty-five years; an Adult League composed of people over twenty-five years of age. These Leagues are cooperating in using the topics, alternating on each Sunday evening in devotional services.

BALTIMORE, MD.

At a special service on Sunday evening, October 3rd, a Luther League with 507 charter members was organized in Christ Church. The special speaker was Mr. Harry Hodges, General Secretary, Luther League of America.

OHIO

A new Luther League has been formed at St. Paris and Thackery. Rev. H. C. Summers, the pastor, is a very live League worker.

William Elliott, Findlay, President of the Western District, has been appointed State Life Service Secretary.

Life Service Department

"Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

LIFE SERVICE CONFERENCE

We hope to have at least some of the results and plans of the called meeting of Life Service Secretaries ready for this Department for the next issue of the REVIEW. The date has been set for October 29th, said meeting to be held here in Wheeling. Any who were not able or at least did not attend will do well to watch for and read this section of the December REVIEW. Herein will be found ammunition prepared at this conference, and should be taken out on the firing line for immediate action.

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PAMPHLETS

Numerous requests come to our office for pamphlets on Life Service prepared by the Life Service Secretary. It is indeed complimentary to think so well of the humble occupant of this important office. To accomplish all this in minutes stolen from two editorial jobs and a busy pastorate would be no mean accomplishment. But to all such we must again reply the only pamphlet which we help to prepare appears once each month under the general heading LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW. Therein will be found each month the Life Service Department together with other most practical and inspiring helps along every line of League work. These departments indicate regularly the newest literature prepared by others and where it is obtainable. It might be much in place to call attention to the inside page of the front cover of the REVIEW. Please note the heading "Luther League Supplies." It is self explanatory. All these supplies are to be had at the League Headquarters at the Philadelphia Office.

And by-the-way have you been keeping all your copies of the REVIEW? Every Leaguer should keep and bind his copies into yearly volumes. Put your League copies into the League library for ready reference.

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LIFE SERVICE DAY

Leaguers should find this not any too early to begin the needful preparation for Life Service Day in February. Outlines for talks, Pageants for presentation, books for study, will now be the concern of wide-awake Presidents and Devotional Committees. The book "What Shall I Do With My Life?," Donnelly, is in our judgment one of the very best and most interesting. Get it now and plan that class.

Below we give an outline which should prove valuable material in various ways for those who are actually concerned about the question of a proper place in life. We are indebted to Harry T. Stock, Secretary of the Congregational Education Society for the same. —❧—

CHOOSING ONE'S LIFE WORK

1. *Starting with the Christian Viewpoint.*

The choice of a vocation is one of the two or three most important decisions which young people must make. It is to be decided in the light of the consideration, "As a Christian, What Should I Do with My Life?"

Upon what basis do people make their decisions? Name as many as you can. Among these will be: the occupation at which I just happened to begin; the amount of money, power or glory that the position will yield; the one for which I think I am best fitted; the occupation which my parents recomend; one which some speaker or friend advises.

In what order should a Christian list these points? Should, for instance, the amount of glory or money be a first consideration? How much should the advice of parents, speakers or friends count?

If Jesus were facing the same questions that you are facing, how would He make His decisions? Is the Christian under obligation to face his vocational decision in the spirit which he thinks Jesus would urge?

2. *What Is Life For?*

A Christian will ask the question: "In what way will this occupation help meet human needs? How will it advance the Kingdom of God?"

Each person has one life to live. What

ought he to do with it? The answer will not be the same for each person. At the end of one's life what ought to have been accomplished? Should one have: gained wealth, had a good time, reached some goal, made friends, made some impression for good upon the community in which he has lived?

Decide just what the main purposes of Christian living are.

3. *What Does Humanity Need Most?*

The business of the Church is to help meet the deepest needs of humanity. Christians must be busy about this task regardless of the particular vocation in which they are engaged. Yet we often do not see just what the real needs of humanity are. List those things which you think the world needs most today. Many need nourishing food. Others are in need of clothing, shelter, an adequate income which will provide the necessities of life. There are those who have few friends. A better kind of education is called for. All the world is longing for peace—real and lasting peace, peace in the human heart, within families, in our neighborhoods, among races, and among the nations of the world. As in the days of the prophets, there is too little purity, honesty, righteousness, high idealism.

List those needs which you think are fundamental to all other things. What is the obligation of Christian young people as they are facing their life work?

4. *How Are the Needs of Humanity to Be Met?*

Emphasize the importance of each personal life. Nothing is done except through persons. The influence of every Christian is, therefore, the essential thing in life.

Whatever one plans to do, his work must contribute to the improvement of human life. Discuss how a Christian farmer, business man, lawyer, housekeeper, school teacher, etc., can do this.

The Church unites people with Christian motives in common service. Whatever one's occupation he should give a large amount of time and energy to serving humanity through the Church.

Discuss the opportunities of the minister, the missionary, and the director of religious education in serving humanity. Can you think of anyone whose opportunities for service are greater?

Some excuse themselves from entering the ministry by saying: "I can serve God and humanity as well by being a complete Christian as a business man or farmer." The question is: "Are you going to make the service of mankind the main purpose of your work as a farmer or business man?" The Church needs Christian laymen as badly as it needs ministers, but many who excuse themselves from entering the ministry later discover that their chief interest is money or pleasure, and they have really failed to keep to the purpose with which they started.

5. *In Which Vocation am I Interested?*

What has interested me in these particular vocations? Persons who are making good? The chance for service in them? The rewards?

How much do I know about the opportunities along these lines? Do I know just what is required to make a success? Is this particular occupation over-crowded or undermanned?

No matter what occupation one chooses he should be fully informed as to the responsibilities, opportunities, and sacrifices involved in the occupation of his choice and in those which he does not choose.

6. *For What Vocations Have I Natural Abilities?*

What abilities are needed for the various vocations? What are my strong points and my weak ones? Am I willing to overcome my weaknesses?

How do I know what my strong and weak points are? Have I ever studied myself? Have I ever secured the wise judgment of partents, minister, teacher, friends, and of those who have criticised me?

7. *Am I Willing to Secure the Necessary Education?*

What education is needed as a minimum? How much more than the minimum ought I to have if I am to be of the greatest service? How much will this education cost in time, money and effort? Am I willing to pay the price?

In almost every line more education is needed than during the last generation if one is to be of greatest service.

8. *Am I Willing to Make the Necessary Sacrifices?*

Almost every occupation requires some sacrifice. The farmer gives up some of the joys of living where there is "always something going on." The teacher and preacher do not have a large financial reward. The physician is subject to call by night as well as during the day. These facts should be honestly faced. But for every sacrifice there is a reward.

In choosing a life work remember that through it, as Christians, we are to help serve the deepest needs of humanity and to help establish the Kingdom of God.

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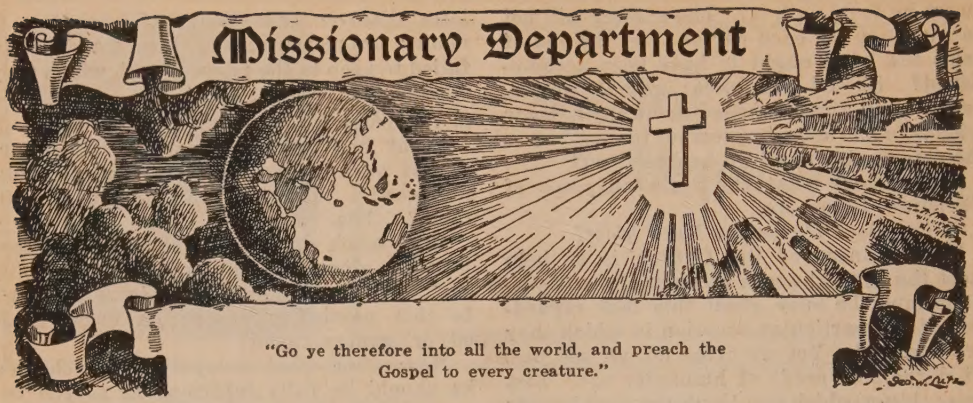
TURNING TABLES

A negro went fishing. He hooked a big catfish which pulled him overboard. As he crawled back into the boat, he said, philosophically: "What I wanna know is dis: Is dis niggar fishin' or is dis fish niggerin'?"



"Go ye therefore into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

It is a great thing to know how enthusiastically the missionary secretaries in every state are cooperating with Mr. Dittmer in our Andhra Christian College project. When young people become really responsible for anything, success is assured. There is not one of our 33,000 Luther League members who is going to be satisfied not to have some part in the Administration Building of Andhra Christian College. Mr. Dittmer's enthusiasm and Mr. Dittmer's spirit are reaching out to every member of every league. The idea of a building erected in India by the Luther Leaguers of America has gripped us as nothing has before. January 31 will be our one especial Andhra Christian College day. If every member of the Luther Leagues will begin to plan now to make this day a success the Andhra Christian College Administration Building will be provided for, not in the biennium, but in the first year of our project.

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Missionary Education of the young people of the Lutheran Church is one of the problems confronting our Luther Leagues. We may be assured that just as soon as our young people know the need and hear the call they are going to answer with their time, their talents, their gifts, even with their lives. To the Missionary Secretaries there is given in a very special way the responsibility of this missionary education. There is a story of a young Chinese doctor who did so much for her own people. When questioned as to why she gave so freely of her time to help her people, she answered, "I just look up and lend a hand." Our young people have the same spirit. When they are so educated that they look up and realize the need they will, without any pressure except the pressure of facts, lend their hand where the need is greatest.

One live missionary secretary in Virginia, realizing that young people demand that they *know* before they *do* has introduced *five missionary minutes* into every weekly meeting. After the conclusion of the regular program, the meeting is turned over to her for five minutes. She is always ready and just as the announcement is made the members began to sit up and look and listen, eager to see and hear "what she will have this time." Sometimes it is to see; sometimes it is to hear.

She introduced her plan with Five Minutes of Singing Missions. The hymns that had been sung Sunday after Sunday were sung in answer to the following questions:

Why must we be missionaries? Jesus Calls Us. (One verse of each hymn.)

From what nations of the world does the call come? From Greenland's Icy Mountains.

Another call? Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life.

When must we answer the call? Speed Away. Oh Zion, Haste.

Why must we hasten in our work? Work, for the Night Is Coming.

What is our Hope? Jesus Shall Reign.

How shall we go? In the Cross of Christ I Glory.

The Five Missionary Minutes were all too short, but now the members of that league are looking for the missionary message of the hymns that they sing every Sunday. The Missionary Secretary says that the next time she tries it she is going to let the members of the league call for the hymns in answer to her questions. She also suggests that it is often effective to have one hymn read in unison rather than sung.

This same Missionary Secretary is planning a Missionary Life Contest. She has not yet worked out just what will be the principles of the contest. It is her idea to have the life of a missionary told at each weekly meeting. The name of the missionary will be withheld and the members will be asked to supply the name on written slips provided for that purpose in advance. Two points in the contest will be allowed for the

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The Social Meeting

"A MAN'S AMUSEMENTS ARE REALLY A SERIOUS PART OF HIS LIFE. IT IS AS ESSENTIAL TO KNOW HOW TO RECREATE ONE'S SELF AS IT IS TO KNOW HOW TO CREATE. WE MUST LEARN TO PLAY."

HOW NOT TO FILL OUT THE STATISTICAL REPORT!

(A Social Stunt for a District League)

Enter Miss I-Am-Busy Secretary. Removes hat and gloves.

"Oh! dear, I'm glad that's over. I'm always bored when I go to Mrs. Jones' bridge parties. They're so slow. But one must keep up with all the social affairs. After all the morning wasn't wasted!

"I wonder if there's any mail?" (Looks about.) "Just one measly post-card. Well. What's that? Well of all things! Just listen to this! From the secretary of the District League. (Reads.) 'Four weeks ago I sent you a blank to be filled in for your League. Same has not been returned as yet. Please fill in and return same at once, so I may complete my report for the convention.'

"Well of all things! What do you think of that? I wonder if she doesn't know that I am a busy girl! I guess she just wants me to fill out the report and do part of her work, and then she will go to the convention, all dolled up in a new dress, and make a long flowery speech, and get all the honor and glory. That's just about the way of it.

"I wonder what I did do with that report blank. It must be here somewhere. (Looks around among a pile of magazines, pushes aside a couple of candy boxes, opens up vanity case several times and uses it while hunting.) What did I do with it? (Begins looking behind table, chairs, etc., at last finds it rolled up in a tight ball behind one of the chairs.)

"Ah! here it is! It doesn't look very nice, I guess I must have thrown it aside in mistake for waste paper—but I guess it doesn't matter, I don't believe that secretary will look at it anyhow!

"Well, here goes. I wonder if she realizes what a job it is to fill out a report! Now lets see, what is the first question? (Sits down at table with report before her, and pencil in hand.) Well, of all things—'Name of Church.' If she didn't know the name of our church, how in the world did she know we had a League, or anything about us? Some people do ask the most unnecessary questions! Well, I suppose I shall have to answer them.

"'Name of pastor,' 'address.' I wonder if she thinks I am a walking Bureau of Information. Well I can tell her the name of the pastor, all right. Now let's see what's his number? I really don't know it. It's somewhere on Church Street. I know what I'll do. I'll just write—'look it up in our church directory.' I know it's in there, and she's just as able to look it up as I am!

"Next—'Name of organization?' Well, of all things. If she didn't think we were a Luther League, why in the world did she send us the blank anyhow. I'll write Luther League in big enough letters that she won't need to put on any glasses to read it. I certainly believe in loyalty to your own organization. I certainly stand up for the Luther League, I do everything I can for it—even to making out all the reports. Here I am giving a perfectly good morning to making out one.

"Oh! dear, there's the 'phone. Hello. Yes Betty. Of course. I'm busy. I'm always busy. Oh, only making out the report of our Luther League. Sure, I can go along in the car for a ride. You'll be here in half an hour. Sure I'll be ready. Goodbye.

"Now I'll have to hurry through and get this old report out of the road. 'Name of President, address; Secretary, address; Treasurer, address.' I can fill in those alright. Wasn't I lucky to bring along home one of our church bulletins last Sunday. It has the officers of all the organizations on the back. I'll just copy them. Oh dear, these are the old officers, we elected new officers last week. Well I guess that doesn't matter. I guess the old officers are just as good as the new ones anyhow! So there. It's the secretary's duty to report immedi-

ately to the District Secretary the names of new officers—so I'll just make a note of it and do it some time next week or the week after.

"All right! What else does she want to know? 'Number of members. How am I to know—when sometimes we have 10 out, and sometimes 50—that's when we have a social! Oh, well, I'll make it 25, I guess I'm safe on that.

"Next! 'Number of Intermediate members?' What's that? I don't know what she means. I don't believe she knows herself! I'll just draw a line after that!

"Now! 'Number of Junior members?' Well I wonder if she thinks we are running a kindergarten! I'll have her understand this is a Luther League and not a nursery. I'll just write after that—'Don't admit children.' I hope that will make her understand.

"'Literature Secretary?' Well what next will we have in the League?' I'd like her to know that we only expect our leaguers to read perfectly good religious books (tosses aside copy of "Smart Set" while saying these). We don't even encourage the reading of literature, let alone novels. Only good solid books. I'll just write after that 'We are no circulating library.' Sometime back at one of our meetings we talked about the Reading Course. We were going to do something about that—but then you know I haven't been to the meetings for a couple of months, and so I don't know everything that has been done. I wonder if she could mean that?

"I must certainly hurry if I am ever to get this report finished before Betty comes. But I am getting along, I'm doing pretty good.

"What next—'Missionary Secretary?' Well now that's something I can answer. We are a Missionary League. We gave $4.27 last year to one of our missionaries who came to tell us about Honolulu or Hawaii or Africa, or some place, I forgot where it was, and we sent some Christmas presents last year to the Orphan House. Oh! yes, indeed, we are a Missionary League. I'm sure on that point all right. We did talk once about appointing a Missionary Secretary—I don't know whether we did or not. I know what I'll do, I'll just put down, 'to be appointed.'

"'Life Service Secretary?' What's that? By the length of this blank it looks like it is a life service job filling it out. I don't know what it is, but we haven't any life service secretary. I'll draw a line after that.

"'Intermediate Superintendent?' Well, I think that secretary is the most persisting thing. Here is that 'Intermediate' business again. I'll just cross that out too. I guess it has something to do with that bunch of younger boys and girls the President is always talking about that we ought to take care of. Well, she couldn't expect me to, I am too busy.

"'Junior Superintendent?' Well there is the nursery again! I do believe I have a letter somewhere that came from the Junior Secretary, asking that we organize a Junior League. I guess I've got it mixed up with some other papers, or threw it out. I know I didn't read it at any meeting. Oh! well, I don't believe anyhow in presenting a lot of outside things in the society! I'll just draw a line after that.

"'Amount of offering during the year for local purposes?' Well, I wonder if she thinks I am the Treasurer! Let me see! How much money did we give this year? Somewhere I heard we ought to give 25 cents a member to the district, or state or national, or something. I know we haven't all given. But I imagine about 20 did. Let's see 20 times 25 cents—that's four dollars, no, five dollars. I guess that's safe. I'll put down five dollars.

"'Amount for benevolence?' Well, look at that. I'll have her know we're no benevolent society—we're a Luther League. I'll write in large letters after that—Nothing.

"'Amount of REVIEWS subscribed for?' How do I know how many take the REVIEW? Well, let's see, at a convention once I heard some one say that at least half the society ought to take the magazine. It was 25 members I reported wasn't it. That would be 12½ members taking the REVIEW. Of course I couldn't put down that! Let's see—oh! I know if I talk to Mary Jones she will get another subscriber. She is always pestering people about the magazine. I'll just count on her getting a new one and I'll put down 14. That fixes that up.

"'Amount of *Topics* subscribed for?' *Topics?* Oh! yes, that's the little book the leader always holds in her hand at the meetings. Why does she ask how many? Isn't one enough for the leader? I'll just write one after that.

"'Are weekly devotional meetings held?' Why of course—except during the summer or from May to October when everybody is away and a couple of weeks around Christmas, when everybody's too busy, and some weeks when something happens and the leader can't come, and all such things which are just bound to happen in the best regulated society. Of course we hold weekly devotional meetings. I'll write, 'Every week, with exceptions.'

"'Business Meetings?' Now I don't know

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Methods

THE BEST POSSIBLE LUTHER LEAGUE

2—"Procuring the Physical Equipment"

We will never get anything out of our Luther Leagues until we put something into them. This is true of spiritual life, it is true of time and talents, and especially is it true of finances. Not until we spend enough on making our League room more attractive than outside environs; not until we spend enough to buy the proper equipment to make the meetings interesting, will our Luther League prove more inviting to our young folks than social affairs elsewhere.

Wise foresight is shown by that church which considers its young people worth while enough to set apart a sum in its budget for its conduct! This lacking, with a little work, a committee may borrow here and there, utilize this and that bit of property for their League meetings which will help make them more attractive.

The physical equipment of our Leagues demands more attention than usually given them.

First, the room. If possible, have a room devoted to the League entirely, where permanent plans can be made. Barring this, have a Committee whose business it is to get the room ready, and restore it to its usual order at the close of the meeting. You arrange the chairs differently, change the pictures, put up decorations, have flowers, etc., the janitor will not have so much objection if at the close of the meeting the chairs are again placed ready for the Sunday School session, and the room otherwise left as it was at the beginning of the meeting.

Have a small room to meet in if possible if your League is small. One League with only a large Sunday School room available purchased several large screens and converted one side of the room into a cozy meeting place.

Have a rug on the floor if possible. One energetic committee always borrows several small rugs from some of the members.

Move the chairs about for your meetings. Do not have them always in the same arrangement. Circles, small groups, cross, star, in shape of a V, the letters L L—all these can be used. If you have pews or benches nailed down, a movement should immediately be started to change the meeting place to some room where chairs can be installed.

An "atmosphere" should be created at every meeting. A committee whose sole business it is to look to this should see that there is something about the room as one enters which at once makes one feel at home and in the spirit of the meeting. Begin this and the Leaguers will soon look forward to it. You can strike the keynote of your meeting. Very simple things suffice. A bouquet of flowers brightens up the room. Crepe paper streamers in the Luther League colors help very much. The Luther League motto printed in the League colors on a strip of white material may be stretched across the room. Chinese lanterns strung about the room introduces one to China on missionary night; cherry blossom boughs made by pasting pink blossoms cut from tissue paper on branches of trees transports one to Japan. Autumn leaves make an attractive decoration for your fall meetings. Pictures should be used. Some should be purchased from the League treasury. (Good sized pictures from the Perry Picture Co., Malden, Mass., cost ten cents, and there is hardly a family that doesn't have stored away some picture frames which they would be glad to dispose of!) Change the position of these pictures frequently. Do not leave them on the the walls so long that folks no longer see them. Good pictures may also be borrowed for particular meetings. On the meeting date in the Reformation season, what more natural than that Luther's picture should be displayed? Use pictures. Have some committee responsible for making your room attractive.

For the social meetings special decorations "make" the meeting. In our homes we go to no end of trouble to "dress up" for our Hallow-'een parties, and our Valentine parties, and all such events. At church we must do the same thing. We must go to just as much trouble and make just as much worth while our church socials, if we hope to hold our young people and interest them in our church affairs. Crepe paper is a "First Aid to the Church Worker," let us on these

special occasions make use of it. Save this material from year to year. Have boxes in which same is kept labelled "Hallow'een," "Patriotic," "Valentine," and one need then but get out the box and the decorations are ready. Often the decorations used in the homes of some of the members can be "salvaged" for the League meeting. Folks will be perfectly willing to "donate" their decorations once they are through with them, if they just knew you could use them. We have prevented several conflagrations by begging of the folks who were just about to gather together and destroy what they had used in their parties at home, and what wonderful decorations and what a good time the Junior League had at its next party, just because we arrived at the moment when the match was to be applied!

Another hint! We have so often sat down at League socials, where refreshments were served at a long, long table, bare and uninviting. Once we went to a League affair where they had met for a Daisy meeting and when the social hour arrived, we repaired to a room where we gathered about small tables, seven or eight in a group, where on each table were green crepe streamer runners, a bunch of daisies in an attractive bowl and a candlestick with a lighted green candle. How nice it was! Work? Yes—we learned that the girls on the committee had borrowed the little tables, the boys had seen that they were at the church in good time. The flower vases and the candle sticks were purchased at the five and ten cent store, and could be used again and again! Every good meeting is the result of somebody's work.

There is some more physical equipment needed in the League. The Bible should be present in every meeting. One League has a book stand on which is a large Bible. It stands in the front of the room, and during the opening hymn, reading, or whatever may be the first number on the program, the President steps forward and silently—reverently opens the Bible! It is a small thing, but it puts the open Bible into the meeting. See that the Bible is in your meeting!

Then have the individual Bibles and hymn books not strewn about the room, but distributed as they should be, when the Leaguers arrive. See that part of your equipment is Bibles sufficient for all and use them in your meetings. Have good hymn books. We have seen, or rather heard, so many crimes committed in the name of music, that we would like to have one hymn book adopted as a standard for Luther Leagues and make it compulsory for Leagues to sing only hymns from that book! If you are looking for a hymn book, do you know "Hymns and Prayers," the book superseding our Luther League Hymnal, out of print? It is excellent, costs sixty cents, and may be secured from our Publication House.

There should be a blackboard for the use of the League. A large bulletin board, on which notices of meetings, posters, items of interest clipped from magazines and newspapers can be posted, is an asset. A cabinet or box in which supplies can be kept is almost essential. At each meeting there should not be about the room, on its walls, anywhere, anything that is not to be used in that meeting. It detracts from the impression to be made by the Topic. Its place is in the cabinet.

Maps and charts, for the large part homemade, should be used. The Leaguers will be educated by making these. The topic subject printed on a large card before the society at each meeting helps. It is not impossible for the less interested member to drift into a meeting and drift out again without knowing "what it was all about." A card like this will prevent that.

The missionary meetings call for additional material. Here again homemade charts are most effective. A committee should be busy hunting and saving pictures of all sorts from the missionary magazines to be used in the meetings. Curios might be collected. Flags of all nations may be made or purchased. Missionary exhibits—a large sheet of cardboard devoted to each country, with pictures of the works, will prove interesting. A map of the world is useful. There is no limit to the missionary helps which may be secured.

A bookcase is a good investment. A League library should be started. The Reading Courses should first be procured. The mission study books should be added. The LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW and missionary magazines should be subscribed for.

Yes, physical equipment is needed for the work. A great deal of the success of your organization depends upon it. Of course we are taking it for granted that you are providing all the equipment for your programs —that you have the REVIEW in every family, the Topic Quarterly for every member in the meetings, and the Young People's page in the *Lutheran* for the help of the leader in the preparation of the meeting.

Cost? Yes it costs something. Something in money, something in effort and work. We have noted that as a rule it is the latter, more than the former which keeps the League from being properly equipped. Once interest is awakened, and when there is a need, the money is usually secured by a little more work.

Leaguer! how is your League equipped?

General Secretary's Letter

DEAR LUTHER LEAGUERS:—

Our cover picture is entitled, "Kindling Friendship's Flame." The flame of friendship will burn more brightly if it has your support. The opportunity is offered during the Annual Roll Call of the American National Red Cross. Nearly six million children members of the American Junior Red Cross have established contacts with the boys and girls of forty foreign countries. At home they are being taught the beauty and value of service. This work is made possible by your membership in the Red Cross. Armistice Day to Thanksgiving—November 11 to 26—is the period set for enrolling members for 1925.

Of course you were all delighted upon opening the REVIEW to read the formal acceptance of the Rev. Mr. Traver of the office of General Secretary to which he was elected at the Milwaukee Convention.

In another letter, referring to the acceptance he says, "My people were fine about it. My councilmen reluctantly admitted they felt it was a bigger opportunity for service."

This spirit doubtless spells the success of St. Thomas Church. The realization that the whole is greater than any of its parts.

When our congregations, institutions and synods once become big enough to realize that the whole church is of more importance than local problems, traditions and prejudices, then will we have a truly United Lutheran Church.

The Luther League of America is very grateful to the good people of St. Thomas Church for their fine attitude in the matter.

The Literature, Junior and Intermediate Committees have planned their 1926 programs. The latter committee has called a full time secretary, and are hoping for his acceptance.

Note the news item of St. Mark's League of Indianapolis, concerning age divisions. This might well be emulated elsewhere.

The plans for the Andhra College Campaign are progressing splendidly. All our units are either accepting their quotas or voluntarily assuming larger ones. Interest and enthusiasm are at top notch. Have you seen "The A. C. C. A. B. Transmitter?" If not, ask your president about it.

Ten definite goals for 1925-1926 were adopted by the Interdenominational Christian Endeavor Convention at Portland, Ore., last July. These goals are as follows:

1. Enlist 500,000 Endeavors and their friends to memorize great Bible passages and to pray daily for world peace and a world revival of religion.
2. Help every Christian Endeavor society to plan a practical year's program.
3. Introduce *The Christian Endeavor World* to every Christian Endeavor Society.
4. Study world Christian citizenship in every Christian Endeavor Society.
5. Enlist 1,000,000 older church-members and friends to observe Golden Rule Sunday.
6. Teach Christian Endeavor principles and methods through classes in "Progressive Endeavor" and "Expert Endeavor."
7. Celebrate Christian Endeavor Week January 31 to February 7, 1926.
8. Emphasize evangelistic effort in every Christian Endeavor Society.
9. Organize 5,000 new Christian Endeavor Societies.
10. Enroll 1,000 delegates to the World's Christian Endeavor Convention, London, July 16 to 21, 1926.

If young people are willing to strive for these goals for an interdenominational organization, how loyalty demands that our leaguers strive for the goals of our own Luther League adopted by the Executive Committee last January: They are twenty in number. Send to the office for them.

This is the month in which we celebrate the oldest of American festivals, Thanksgiving Day. It arose from the promptings of the Pilgrim Fathers to return thanks to Providence for the bountiful harvest which followed the winter of famine, a harvest which perhaps saved the colony from absolute extinction. That might not have saved the New England immigration, but it would have shut out one of the most interesting chapters in our history, one which has perhaps been made more important than it deserves, but, which is nevertheless connected with song and story in our literature to an extent which we should be sorry to miss.

While, as a rule, on Thanksgiving Day,

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WHEN A CHURCH BECAME A COMMUNITY CENTER

A deserted old church in the mountains of Kentucky has just become a community center where a primitive and a mighty race are learning the principles of serving and giving.

As important as any religious mission that was ever undertaken is this movement the story of which has been told American Red Cross public health nurses.

In a settlement lying partly in the Blue Grass section and sloping back to the hills where the sturdy mountain people live was once a little old church. It stood the test of years. Gradually it began to crumble. There was a campaign for funds. A new spire rises now near the site where the old one once stood. The little old church had served its purpose. At least so the townspeople thought. But a Red Cross public health nurse came into the town. She realized the need for religion, as exemplified by the new church, but she realized something else also—that there were many people who were not going to church and who could be induced to go if only there were some community interest—some social purpose which would bring the people together. There was no money for a new building. Presumably there was no way to get the money. Then one day the nurse passed the little old church and a new vision came into being.

It was bought for a song, it was renovated, it is now a flourishing community center. A social worker is on the job. Hundreds of children are getting a little of the happiness which belongs to them within its walls. They are learning too how to cook, to sew and to do many other things. The little church where gospel tunes once were sung still has its religious atmosphere. Hymns are nightly chanted, according to the beautiful old custom, by a choir of mighty mountain voices. An undenominational Sunday school class has been organized and the word of God is being heard as the mountain folk come together in a common effort to love, to serve and to grow happier.

The ideal of service is a dominating force in the peacetime program of the American Red Cross. If you believe in this ideal, as expressed in its disaster relief work, in the aid extended disabled veterans of the World War and the men of the Army and Navy and their families, in its crusade for health and disease prevention, in its first aid and water safety training and in the union of children in a common bond of unselfish service you will answer its Ninth Annual Roll Call. It comes this month, beginning with Armistice Day and ending with Thanksgiving. It costs but one dollar but it gives you an unparalleled opportunity for missionary work of the highest type.

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SKYSCRAPER CHURCHES

The skyscraper church at the present rate will soon have to be accepted as a normal and common expression of architectural art and metropolitan need. Pittsburgh is promoting a skyscraper university. Chicago has several large church buildings of similar style, and New York already has three or four planned to equal or overtop the Woolworth Building. The latest one announced is to be the gift of a wealthy real-estate man in commemoration of the illness of his son and in gratitude for his recovery. It is to be sixty-five stories and will be more composite than anything heretofore attempted in the same line. It is to have a hotel, a grand restaurant, a bank, stores, hospital, twelve roof gardens and somewhere in the midst of these assembled grandeurs an undenominational church auditorium. Ten per cent of the profits of the undertaking are to be devoted to missions in foreign lands.

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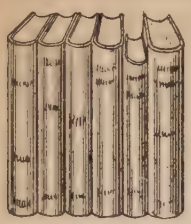
REASON ENOUGH

"Why do people cry at weddings?"

"Well, I imagine those who have been married themselves start it, and the others join in."



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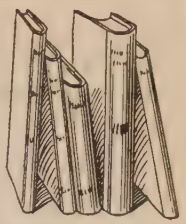

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

"A moment in the morning, take your Bible in hand,
And catch a glimpse of glory from the peaceful promised land;
It will linger still before you when you seek the busy mart,
And like flowers of hope will blossom into beauty in your heart;
The precious words, like jewels, will glisten all the day
With a rare effulgent glory that will brighten all the way."

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The Prayer Before the Reading

"Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen."

The Prayer After the Reading

"Almighty and everlasting God, Who of Thy great mercy in Jesus Christ, Thy Son, dost grant us forgiveness of sin, and all things pertaining to life and godliness: grant us, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that He may so rule our hearts that we, being ever mindful of Thy fatherly mercy, may strive to mortify the flesh and overcome the world; and serving Thee in holiness and pureness of living, may give Thee continued thanks for Thy goodness through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen."

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 1.—Prophecy against Mount Seir.—Ezk. 35:1-15.

Monday, November 2.—Israel's Future Restoration and Conversion.—Ezk. 36:16-38.

Tuesday, November 3.—Valley of Dry Bones.—Ezk. 37:1-14.

Wednesday, November 4.—Sign of the Two Sticks.—Ezk. 37:15-28.

Thursday, November 5.—Prophecy Against God.—Ezk. 38:1-23.

Friday, November 6.—Vision of the Future Temple.—Ezk. 40:1-49.

Saturday, November 7.—Description of the Temple, Ezk.—41:1-26.

Sunday, November 8.—Description of the Temple, cont'd.—Ezk. 42:1-20

Monday, November 9.—Description of the Temple, cont'd.—Ezk. 43:1-27.

Tuesday, November 10.—The Gate for the Prince.—Ezk. 44:1-31.

Wednesday, November 11.—The Lord's Portion.—Ezk. 45:1-25.

Thursday, November 12.—The Worship of the People.—Ezk. 46:1-24.

Friday, November 13.—The River of the Sanctuary.—Ezk. 47:1-23.

Saturday, November 14.—Decree of Cyrus.—Ezra 1:1-11.

Sunday, November 15.—Ancient Worship Established.—Ezra 3:1-13.

Monday, November 16.—The Work Hindered.—Ezra 4:1-10.

Tuesday, November 17.—Decree of Artaxerxes.—Ezra 4:11-24.

Wednesday, November 18.—Work Begun Again.—Ezra 5:1-17.

Thursday, November 19.—Darius Confirms the Decree.—Ezra 6:1-22.

Friday, November 20.—Expedition of Ezra.—Ezra 7:1-28.

Saturday, November 21.—Ezra Sends for Levites.—Ezra 8:15-23.

Sunday, November 22.—The Treasure.—Ezra 8:24-36.

Monday, November 23.—Separated Position Lost.—Ezra 9:1:15.

Tuesday, November 24.—Separation Restored.—Ezra 10:1-19.

Wednesday, November 25.—Distress of the Remnant.—Neh. 1:1-11.

Thursday, November 26.—Nehemiah Goes to Jerusalem.—Neh. 2:1-20.

Friday, November 27.—Builders of the Wall.—Neh. 3:1-32.

Saturday, November 28.—Opposition.—Neh. 4:1-19.

Sunday, November 29.—Resource of Faith.—Neh. 4:10-23.

Monday, November 30.—Resource of Restitution.—Neh. 5:1-19.

SENIOR READING COURSE

China's Real Revolution—Hutchinson	$ .75
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Our Church—(U. L. C.)	1.00
The Lie of the Age—Scheeler	.75
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The Christian and His Money Problem—Wilson	1.50
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SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

HOW CAN WE TRANSLATE CHRISTMAS INTO SERVICE?

I John 4:7-14

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday—With Our Money. II Cor. 8:1-15.
Tuesday—By the Gifts of Love. John 12:1-8.
Wednesday—In Humble Service. John 13:1-17.
Thursday—With True Courtesy. Lev. 19:32-34.
Friday—Comforting the Sad. Luke 8:49-56.
Saturday—Entertaining Strangers. Gen. 18:1-8.

HINTS FOR LEADERS

The singing of Christmas Carols is a practice in many communities. This is a beautiful custom for it brings happiness into many lives that would not receive it otherwise. A greater service could not be rendered by the League at the Christmas season than learn to sing well a number of best Christmas hymns and carols and sing them to "shut-in" people as well as at homes for aged, etc. Use this program as a song practice for this work. Don't wait until Christmas morning to sing them. Use the two weeks before Christmas for this carol singing.

Organize the League into temporary circles and have them to make handkerchiefs, candy, dolls, etc., to be given as gifts at Christmas time. The Orphan homes of our Church are always delighted to get these gifts at Christmas. There are other institutions that need the assistance of organizations at this period of the year.

TOPIC

The original spirit of Christmas was service. The sending of the Son of God into a lost world was God's expression of love to mankind. The gift of the Saviour has made the world different. A comparison of history before and after His coming into the world reveals a wonderful change. Christ was sent to redeem the world. Redemption is a gift. No one merits eternal life. It is a free gift of God. It is His pleasure to give us that which we can not gain with our own abilities.

The Christmas season is filled with the message of the coming of the Christ Child. The surprise is one feature that is emphasized. The world was not looking for His coming. After He came many did not want to believe in Him or His mission. The gift of Christ is typified in the custom that is prevalent in many lands of giving gifts at this season of the year. But the exchange of presents does not demonstrate the real message of the Christmas fact.

Service in the name of the Saviour is deeper and purer than the simple giving of gifts. The spirit of this season of the year ought to bring out the love of the human heart. "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." God's love for the world prompted him to do the gracious deed of sending to the world a Saviour in the person of His only begotten Son. The deeds that we do ought to be initiated from a heart of love for those whom the Christ died.

The real Christmas activity ought to begin long before the day itself. After the holy day has arrived it is too late to teach others about the wonders of God's love in permitting the Christ to come in so humble a manner. We may sing the praises of the day. We may pay a brief visit to some unfortunate friend, or we may shower gifts upon our loved ones. But the hurried observance of the spirit of the Christmas season does not reach the goal of the day in service. Weeks before the arrival of the festive day we ought to make ourselves prepared to prepare others for the announcement of the birth of Christ. Two weeks before hand is not too early. The sooner we are in the spirit the sooner we will get others to thinking and meditating upon God's great love for humanity. When the world catches the vision of God's love through the Saviour it will see the Christmas festival as the happiest season of the year.

Happiness is contagious. We smile and others catch it. We are joyous and others follow in the same spirit. The giving of our joys and pleasures to others is one big service to humanity. One thing will lead unto

another. The heart touched with God's love will express itself to the world in many other ways than smiling. Deeds of kindness, gifts of love, and words of encouragement will flow from our lives until the world becomes what the Saviour wishes it to be. Christmas is a time for service.

December 13, 1925
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

BIBLE PRINCIPLES OF GIVING

Lev. 27:30; I Cor. 16:1-4, 14.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday—Jesus Says: Matt. 5:42; Acts 20:35.
Tuesday—What Return. Matt. 7:2; II Cor. 9:6-11.
Wednesday—The Tithe. Matt. 23:23.
Thursday—The Whole. II Cor. 8:5.
Friday—The Method. I Cor. 16:2.
Saturday—The Motive. I John 4:7-13.

HINTS FOR LEADERS

Ask all to give a Bible passage on giving when the roll is called. Do not pass the offering plate but have the plate on a table or altar at the front and ask all to come up and put their offering into the plate with a word of prayer.

Discuss which is the better method for the League, freewill giving or dues. What does the League consider a reasonable amount to be contributed by a high school boy or girl who is not working but spends fifty cents a week for candy, etc.?

Ask the treasurer of the congregation to talk on Church finance. See that he talks freely. Ask permission to question the methods of finance.

TOPIC

Giving is an essential part of a Christian's religion. There has never been a time when it was not the expression of the inner life. All Church services have as a part of their program a time for the receiving of the offering. The story of the widow's mite has emphasized for the follower of Christ the importance of sharing with God the things with which he has blessed us.

All people can not give the same type of gifts. Some give their lives for the service as did the Apostles. Others will spend much of their time for the cause of the gospel. But most of the Christians make some kind of contribution at every service. The giving of which the topic speaks is financial assistance. No church or organization can prosper without the support of all its members.

The Tithe.

God required of His people during the Old Testament period a tenth of all they possessed. This meant the first of all that came into their possession. The tithe was holy unto the Lord. This portion was brought to the temple at intervals and was considered the worshipper's contribution for the support of the Lord's work. The bringing of these gifts unto God was a part of their worship. If a man failed to make the right division he was required to change his tithe and donate to the Lord the correct amount. The corruption of Judaism was found when the people failed to bring in their tithes or they gave to the Lord the poorest of their crops.

There are some Christian people who believe that the giving of a tenth is the correct division of property. Many practise giving the tithe as the Lord's part of all that they possess. Several denominations demand this division from their members. The stewardship principles that have been advocated during the past few years demand at least a tenth. Students of church finance state that a tenth is a reasonable amount to expect from all Christians.

Freewill Offerings.

Early in the history of the Christian church the giving of a free will offering was practiced. This custom has been continued down through the ages ever since that early date. Most of the Protestant Churches are sustained on this kind of financing. No certain amount is demanded from anyone. The worshipper has the privilege to determine what he will give to the Lord. The conscientious Christian does not limit himself in giving a tenth. Many of them contribute over a tenth, and others use the freewill offering plan as a cloak behind which to hide themselves. It is a fact that the Christian Church does not receive into its treasury the tithe of its members. If the Church did receive the tenth there would not be any needs for campaigns or drives for that amount would care abundantly for all the activities that are now being furthered by the church and funds would be on hand to begin new operations.

December 20, 1925
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

WHY IS CHRISTMAS A TIME OF JOY?

(Christmas Meeting)

Matt. 1:18-23; II Cor. 9:15

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday—The Saviour Has Come. Luke 2:8-20.
Tuesday—Christ Is God With Us. John 1:1-5; Matt. 1:23.
Wednesday—God's Promise Has Been Fulfilled. Luke 2:25-40.
Thursday—God Has Spoken to Us in Christ. Heb. 1:1-3.
Friday—Christ Has Taken Our Nature Upon Him. Heb. 2.
Saturday—Christ Has Revealed God. John 1:18-14:7-9.

HINTS FOR LEADERS

Make this your real Christmas program made up of stories, hymns, poems, etc., that are appropriate. Plan the meeting so that every one may have the privilege to take part.

Perhaps your pastor will permit you to have this program as one of your open meetings and thus assist him on Christmas day. The Program as the early morning service on Christmas day would be effective.

As a part of this meeting give the different customs of Christmas in different lands

in costume. It can be worked up as a dialogue or as a short pageant.

The history of the different articles for Christmas decoration such as holly, bell, Christmas tree, etc., will be appropriate.

TOPIC

Some periods in the Church year are more joyous than others. The practice of the Church demands this. History has handed down these conditions for generations. But the Christmas season could not be other than a time for the greatest happiness. We catch the echoes from the angelic throng that announced the birth of the Christ Child which has been passed on to us from that first Christmas morning. The joy of heaven is ours.

The shepherds heard the first angelic message. They respond to the call of God. They went and saw for themselves what the angels proclaimed. Their message is ours today. And we follow their example in joyously telling abroad the wonderful facts of the babe born in Bethlehem. We are happy to know the love of God through His own Son that was sent to us for our salvation.

The nations of the world who know the Saviour yearly celebrate that event with much festivity. Many practices have been joined with the truth of Christ's birth. Most of them are expressions of joy and happiness. These attempts to add to the greatness of the day often mar the real message. Anything that overshadows the simple facts of the coming of the Christ for the world destroys the real meaning of the occasion. The Christian Church is making an effort to preserve the facts as they were given and keep them from being adulterated with such ideas as Santa Claus and the like.

Christian people are the most joyous on the earth. The coming of the Christchild has made this possible. The world is brighter and better because there is a Saviour. The gladness of the hearts of the redeemer makes the earth a better place in which to live. The joy and gladness of this festival is kept anew in the hymns and songs which tell of the truths of Christmas.

Christianity would disappear without her hymnal. She would be a religion of a few and not of nations and peoples. The song books of the Church have made the spread of the Christian facts worldwide. And that which is true of Christianity as to her doctrines and teachings it is much more true of her joyous festival, Christmas. Christmas would be empty without the treasure of hymns and songs. The happiness of this glorious festival is made possible because of such musical numbers as "Joy to the World" and "Away in the Manger."

The mission of God's people is to keep Christmas in its true form. We ought not let anything displace those things that are worthwhile in the Christmas message or fact. To lose the joy and happiness that are ours would be to change our lives and religion fundamentally. God's people are joyous people and much of the source of that happiness is from this season of the Church Year.

Let us this year be true to the spirit of the day and catch the echoes of the angelic hosts that proclaimed "Peace on earth and good will to all men." Let us assist in bringing that good will and peace into the lives and hearts of our families, neighbors and communities. The Christchild will be with us in this act of love and joy.

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THE WAY OF CHRIST IN RACE RELATIONS THROUGH THE CHURCH

A Christmas Study of Race Relations

Matthew 16:15-16.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday—Matt. 16:13-20.
Tuesday—Acts. 11:22-26.
Wednesday—Matt. 18:15-20.
Thursday—Acts 13:1-5.
Friday—Acts 2:41-47.
Saturday—John 2:12-25.

The Christmas season is a splendid time to study race relations. Many of the foreigners in America are willing to accept our Christmas, but not our Christ who gave us our Christmas. They exchange presents on our Christmas Day. They decorate their windows with holly wreaths and with Christmas bells, while they give no thought to the Christ of our Christmas. There are many holidays or holy days throughout the world; but there is none like our Christmas. Dominion Day is for Canada, Empire Day is for all of the British Empire, Flag Day is for Japan, the Fourth of July is for the United States, the Fourteenth of July is for France. Let us read the last part of the tenth verse of the second chapter of Luke and see to what nation Christmas belongs. "Which shall be to all people." (*After this part of the verse has been read, the reader should read the first part of the verse and ask all of the members to join in repeating the last part of the verse, "Which shall be to all people."*) This then is the missionary part of the Christmas message. The scripture lesson selected by the Program Committee is Matthew 16:13-18. (*To be read by one member.*)

This is a most appropriate lesson for our Missionary Christmas Sunday. Whom say you that I am? Who is this Christ who has given name to the greatest season in the year—to the one holiday that is "for all people"—to the time that sees our country transformed into a country of joy and mirth? By our very presence here we say,

"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." But whom do the Poles, the Slavs, the Jews, the Chinese, the Japanese and the thousands of other foreigners in the United States say that Christ the Son of Man is? How are we going to help them to say as we say, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God"?

The Climax in Our Series

We have studied in our former programs what can be done for these foreigners through education, through industry and through our homes. Now we want to study the climax in the series—The Way of Christ in Race Relations Through the Church. The way of Christ in race relations must be settled through the Church. It may be an economic question; it may be an educational question; but above all it is a question for the Church to settle. "It is for the Protestant churches of America to show these embittered newcomers that the spirit of Jesus still lives, that it is a force in American life and character, and that our national motto, In God We Trust, is more to us than a decoration for our coins and state seals."

How One Woman Helped the Italians of Philadelphia to Know That Christ is the Son of the Living God

One Sunday afternoon a black-eyed, curly haired Italian boy walked into the Sunday School of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Philadelphia.

"Who brought you?" asked the pastor's wife, looking around for his mother, or older sister.

"Nobody brought me," the tiny visitor announced with proud assurance. "I comma myself."

"What is your name?"

"Name Angelo," he replied.

"Angelo," repeated the pastor's wife. She had associated golden ringlets and blue eyes with her thoughts of angels, but as she looked into the shining dark eyes before her as the black curls bobbed up and down in assent to her repetition of his name, she began to get a new light on angels.

Angelo was well named for he brought a message from God. That pastor's wife, Mrs. E. R. Cassaday, was tuned in to catch the message.

For many weeks her heart had been burdened. In the first place she had wanted to go to India as a missionary and the way had not opened. Then as a pastor's wife she had settled down happily in Philadelphia. Lately many discouragements had come. Italians in great numbers had moved into the neighborhood of St. Peter's Church and as they moved in the Americans moved out into better residence sections. Everybody said the neighborhood was running down. Sixteen Protestant churches followed the lead of their people. St. Peter's was about the only one left and soon it would have to go.

After Angelo came to the Sunday School Mrs. Cassaday saw a vision.

Why should St. Peter's Church go? Why should it not stay and minister to the people who needed it and who had come to its very doors? Why not have an Italian Lutheran Church?

When she told some of her friends about it they ridiculed the idea.

An impossible proposition. Such a thing had never been done before!

She was a woman with a will, however, and a woman with a will always finds a way. Inviting some of her friends to help her she began on a very small scale by opening a Daily Christian Kindergarten. There were only ten children for the beginning. A kindergarten teacher trained at the Mary J. Drexel Motherhouse came to take charge, and the kindergarten grew so rapidly that soon a second teacher was called.

After the first scholars outgrew the kindergarten they asked for other classes which they could attend and a Friday Sewing School was started with an attendance of twenty-five girls.

"You have left us out," said the boys, and to meet their demand a Mission Band was organized for both girls and boys. Forty-five trooped in one afternoon each week to study the Junior Mission Textbooks.

Soon the parents began to come to the special services in which their children had part. "Is there nothing for us?" they asked. children understood English but the parents still kept to their own language and none of the church workers could speak Italian. There was much earnest prayer for the guidance as to how this new need should be met. One day a Roman Catholic monk, Dr. Benedetto, wandered into St. Peter's Church. He had broken with his own church and was searching for light. He decided to study at the Lutheran Seminary and was ordained and installed as pastor of St. Peter's Church.

After his coming it was necessary to build an addition to the church. A community center was greatly needed and Martin Luther Neighborhood House was purchased with seven hundred dollars cash and forty-three hundred dollars in faith.

When the message went out several years later, "Mrs. Cassaday is dead," the work seem paralyzed. Who would carry on? No one could be found. Then again the face of little Angelo and his lisping voice, "I comma by myself," stood out pleadingly. This time a young business man saw the vision.

Almost from the beginning of the work

Harry Hodges had given the Italian work his earnest support. Now when the question arose as to whether he could take charge of it, he tried to dismiss it from his mind. Surely it could not be expected that a young man with a successful business experience and a promise of yet greater success ahead should give it up to devote his full time to work in an Italian community!

He tried to find some one else, until he was convinced that God called him to the work, then he gave up his business and gave himself to Martin Luther Neighborhood House and in St. Peter's Church.

For two years he served, until the Luther League of America called him as General Secretary. Few people in the church know of what his work, his gifts and his prayers have meant in the development of our Italian work.

Now the work is fairly established under the direction of the Board of Immigrant Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America, and its future seems assured.

Our hearts turn with appreciation to these two workers who first saw the things that might be and helped to bring them to pass, as well as to all of the faithful workers of the earlier days who were associated with them and others who are carrying on today.

As, at this Christmas season, the children of Italy gather around the tree at the neighborhood house every Luther Leaguer should see a vision as did the woman who almost moved away from the opportunity the Lord set down at her very door, and as did the man who gave up his other business prospects to prospect in business for his Lord.

"The conquest of our own fatherland for Christ must begin on our own doorsteps. We must preach Christ daily and hourly in our lives if we are to prove ourselves worthy of Him; if, too, we are to keep this America of ours true to the ideals to which it was pledged in the beginning."

(*Have read the Christmas Story from page* 35 *of Adventures in Brotherhood. Let the reading end at the last paragraph on page* 41).

What Christmas in a Christian Home Meant to a Chinese Girl

There is a story of a bright young woman who entered one of the large American colleges. She came to America knowing that she was coming to a Christian country. She had heard in China of America and of America's God. She was not a Christian. She was a heathen girl who wanted to be educated. Christianity meant nothing to her, though she knew that she was coming to a country that was called Christian. She was delighted with her educational advantages. Every day there were revealed to her new secrets in science; every day she learned new facts in history; every day she learned of the wonders of America and was amazed with the advancement of the American people. Her brain was kept busy mastering the lessons that were assigned to her in college; but there was always in her mind the surprise of not hearing of the Christ about whom the missionaries had talked. There was never an invitation to go to church; there was never a student or a professor who spoke to her of Christ.

But there was an invitation to this Chinese girl to spend the Christmas holidays in the home of a classmate, and there in the Christian home she received her first invitation to attend a church service and hear for the first time the Christmas message, and there she learned to know for herself the Christ, the Son of the living God. There was Christmas joy in the heart of the Chinese girl as well as in the hearts of every member of the Christian home in which she was a visitor.

Story of Two Czech Boys

(*Page* 133, *Adventures in Brotherhood*).

Which Shall Be To All People

How shall the glad tidings of great joy be given to all people in our own America? How shall the Poles, the Slavs, the Italians and all of the other foreigners in America learn to know our Christ as well as to know our Christmas? Now, that Christmas Day has passed, that our Christmas presents have been exchanged, now that our Christmas messages have been carried by letters and by telegrams, we stop in our Christmas joy and wonder how many people in our own America have not had the Christmas message which is for all people. We wonder how many there are who have not been included in our joyous Christmas festivities. And our hearts grow sad even at this joyous season when we know that there are many to whom the Christmas story has brought new joy—many whom our churches and Sunday schools have not reached.

(*Let the program close with the reading of a Christmas poem or a Christmas story with a missionary lesson.*)

Suggestions to Leaders of the Christmas Missionary Program

There is within reach of every leader of the December Missionary Program a wealth of material that may be used in addition to the program given. Christmas poems, Christmas stories with a missionary message may be secured from various places. "Tasuka's Christmas Tree," a true story told by one of our own missionaries, Mrs. C. K. Lippard, makes a splendid reading to be given in connection with the program. Order from Literature Headquarters, 723 Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia, Pa. Price, 2 cents. Special Christmas music should be arranged.

Intermediate Department

INTERMEDIATE LUTHER LEAGUE READING COURSE

Torch-Bearers in China—Matthews	$ .75
Land of All Nations—Seebach	.75
What Shall I Do With My Life?—Donnelly	1.50
Little Journeys in His Kingdom—Wendall	.50
The Master—Johnston	1.25
The Eagle of the Wilderness—Seebach	1.00

SOME QUESTIONS ON INTERMEDIATE WORK

(As answered by the Rev. R. W. Doty, at the Pennsylvania Convention)

1. *Where a congregation does not find it desirable to organize a Senior League, should they not report those over 16 as Seniors?*

Yes, those over 16 might well be reported as Seniors, and assume their full responsibility.

2. *Have you any suggestions as to how we can avoid the condition which exists in a great many Leagues where the Intermediates refuse to be promoted?*

The reason so many Intermediates are loathe to leave the Intermediate League, where the programs and plans have been so attractive and especially fitted to their needs, is that the Senior League often is not as interesting. Therefore, make your Senior League as inviting as the Intermediate League.

Create sentiment for the age limit of 16 in the Intermediate League. Have it understood that at 16 all are automatically transferred to the Senior League. It may not come in one year, but gradually this will become the rule.

3. *What is your opinion of the Intermediate Topics as treated in the* LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW? *Are they attractive? Are they beneficial? Some pastors have said they are not prepared far enough, that too much labor is necessary for the average Intermediate to present them?*

Yes, the Intermediate Topics are more attractive—to the Intermediate—than the Senior Topics. They are subjects dealing with his own interests, and treated in a lively, spirited manner which holds the Intermediate.

Are they beneficial? Yes, because they minister to the four-fold nature of the Intermediate—the social, physical, educational and devotional. They develop him along all four lines.

They are practical, for their use at Boys' Camps has proven their worth.

They are filling the need, for from the ranks of Intermediate Leagues properly conducted are coming leaders for church work, and prepared Seniors.

Practically as much material is given as for the Senior Topics. The one purpose of these Topics is to make the Intermediate think himself, and develop the Topic independently, with the help of the material given. We do not train leaders by having all prepared for them in advance.

4. *Should there be two Intermediate Leagues, one for boys and one for girls?*

Yes, wherever possible. Better results are obtained, and more far reaching influence exerted by separate organizations.

5. *Is it worth while to start an Intermediate League where there are only about six boys or girls of that age, who otherwise stay out of both Junior and Senior League?*

Yes, numbers do not count in Intermediate work. The Gospel was first preached through eleven men, yet the world is being evangelized. Start with a few. The personal work is the thing that counts.

6. *Why is it that the Intermediate age seems to be the one where it is hard to interest the boys and girls in church work?*

Boys and girls of the 'teen age are in the chrysalis stage, they are trying to find themselves, and they seltle down to no one thing. They also are discriminating, are receiving the best at school, and in church are turned over to consecrated, but untutored and often unprepared teachers, and they see the difference.

We must give more spiritual and consecrated teaching and hold up more clearly the challenge of the Church, if we would hold these Intermediates.

7. *What are some suggestions as to how to organize an Intermediate League?*

Get the pamphlet, "How to Organize," also the other literature on Intermediate work available from League headquarters.

THE FLEXIBILITY OF INTERMEDIATE ORGANIZATION

(Rev. C. M. Teufel)

That every congregation might have an organization for their Intermediates along

great variety of organization which is possible:

1. A Boys' League with only a regular devotional meeting.

2. A Boys' League with a regular devotional meeting and an occasional social gathering.

3. A Boys' League with a regular devotional meeting, and a simple program of occasional special meetings and outings.

4. A Boys' League with a regular devotional meeting and the program of the Merit System's Devotional Department.

5. A Boys' League with a regular devotional meeting and the program of any two departments of the Merit System.

6. A Boys' League with a regular devotional meeting, and the program of any three departments of the Merit System.

7. A Boys' League with a regular devotional meeting and the program of the four departments of the Merit System.

8. A Boys' League with a regular devotional meeting and the Scout program as supplementary.

9. A Girls' League with only a regular devotional meeting.

10. A Girls' League with a regular devotional meeting and an occasional social gathering.

11. A Girls' League with a regular devotional meeting and a simple schedule of occasional special meetings and outings.

12. A Girls' League with a regular devotional meeting and the program of the Devotional Department of the Merit System.

13. A Girls' League with a regular devotional meeting and the program of any two departments of the Merit System.

14. A Girls' League with a regular devotional meeting and the program of any three departments of the Merit System.

15. A Girls' League with a regular devotional meeting and the program of the four departments of the Merit System.

16. A Girls' League with a regular devotional meeting and the Scout program as supplementary.

17. A Joint meeting with only a regular devotional meeting.

18. A Joint League with a regular devotional meeting and an occasional social meeting.

19. A Joint League with a regular devotional meeting and a simple schedule of occasional special meetings and outings.

20. A Joint League with a regular devotional meeting and the program of the Devotional Department of the Merit System.

21. A Joint League with a regular devotional meeting and the program of any two departments of the Merit System.

22. A Joint League with a regular devotional meeting and the program of any three departments of the Merit System.

23. A Joint League with the regular devotional meeting and the program of the four departments of the Merit System.

24. A Joint League with the regular devotional meeting and the Scout program as supplementary.

25. An Intermediate Sunday School Class and the Intermediate devotional topic used for its special organization meeting.

26. An Intermediate Sunday School Class and the program of the departments of the Merit System.

Necessary committees according to the form of organization it is understood would exist. Also connection with a larger Luther League unit, as district, synodical or state, or national, should prevail.

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December 6, 1925

WHAT'S THE GOOD OF GOING TO CHURCH?

Heb. 10:23-25; Ps. 96:1-9.
(Rev. J. S. Albert)

Hymn—"My Church, My Church, My Dear Old Church."

Reading of Scripture.

Prayer by Intermediate—That we may love the habitation of God's House.

Leader—We are always inquisitive and curious. We want to know the reason for things. Today we will find out the good things that we received from going to Church, and also the reasons for going.

1. We go to Church to worship God. It is there among His people that the Lord delights to be, as He Himself has said, "Where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there am I in the midst of them." We can worship God at other times and at other places, but He has told us that He is present with His people.

2. We go to Church because it is a divine command. "Forsake not the assembling of ourselves together." Here is an obligation that is placed upon us, a duty which is ours. We show then by going to Church that we are obedient to God's command. We are to "remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy."

3. By going to Church we show that we are followers of Christ. Church going is a confession of His name. We show the world that we believe in Christ and that we are not ashamed of Him.

4. We go to Church to hear God speak to us. He speaks to us in His Word, and especially in the preaching of the sermon. Here He comes to us with His message of comfort, consolation, correction, instruction in righteousness, telling us how to live, so that we may not be afraid to die.

5. When we go to Church, we find others who are there for the same purpose as we.

We are to urge each other to love and good works. We find that we are a band of workers for God, and we go to Church for help and strength that we may work together for the extension of His Kingdom.

6. After we have been to church, we have a better feeling. The world looks better. We have been busy with worldly things during the week, attending to our regular work, and our time of play (not forgetting God in them) and we are all played out and worked out. We need refreshment. We need encouragement. We need greater strength to attack the enemies of our souls, the world, the flesh and the devil, and these we receive from God as we listen to His Word.

Leader—Thus we learn that we get a great deal of good by attending divine services. How many of us have been faithful since confirmation? We promised to be, didn't we? Jesus had the Habit of attending Church. It was His "Custom." We can easily become careless and indifferent. It is so easy to get out of the habit. Many go to Sunday School and as soon as Sunday School is dismissed, they go home, instead of staying for services. Those who do not go, are missing many blessings, which God cannot give to them, because they are disobedient to His Word, "Forsake not the assembling of ourselves together." This is God's Command. He is expecting His people to obey it.

Note—The article on the editorial page of the September issue of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW could be very acceptably used by the Superintendent to supplement the topic. It can be used in various ways, at the discretion of the superintendent.

Work—Might organize a "Go to Church" Band among the Intermediates.

The Hymn—"I Love Thy Zion, Lord" could also be used.

N.B.—Reasons for Church going as given by Theodore Roosevelt can be secured in post-card form from The Drylex Co., Richmond, Va. Try them.

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December 13, 1925

CHRISTMAS FOR SELF OR OTHERS?

Acts 20:32-35
(Miss Eva Peeler)

HINTS FOR LEADERS

Open with Song Service consisting of favorite Christmas Hymns.

Read responsively the 24th Psalm.

Have sentence Prayers, asking God to help each one to give self for others.

Have an Intermediate tell the story of Van Dyke's "Other Wise Men," or some other story of service.

Make this a meeting for others. Plan to send a box to our Orphan Home, or the Home for the Aged.

Plan a "White Christmas."

Plan to distribute baskets to the poor in your community. Have the members meet on Christmas morning and take the baskets, and they will feel they have had a real Christmas.

As each happy Christmas
Dawns on earth again,
Comes the dear Christ Child
To the hearts of men.

I. *Christmas.*

What a charming word, and what a deep hold it has gotten upon the world. The world often unconsciously pays a compliment to Jesus Christ. The world may, and does reject Him as Saviour and Lord, but at the same time it celebrates the season, and thus unintentionally bears witness to His birthday. But the world has seized this blessed time for commercial gain, and the spirit of greed marks and mars the world's celebration of Christmas. It is essentially selfish. Santa Claus comes in for the big share of honor. We need to stress more and more that Christmas is the great birthday of the Christ Child, who unselfishly gave Himself for sinful humanity. Christmas should be the most unselfish of all the seasons of the year.

II. *For Self.*

Too often this is about all Christmas means to so many. "What will I get," is the big thing when Christmas is for self. Giving, if done at all, is with the expectation of getting more in return than was given. It has none of the fine spirit of the apostle when he said, "so labouring ye ought to support the weak." Christmas for self must leave Jesus out. He came to help the helpless and save the lost. Selfishness will never do the will of Him who made Christmas possible. Christmas for self means no lasting happiness and joy. The fine thing of the whole season is lost.

III. *For Others.*

Here we come to a Christmas really worthwhile. Paul says in the scripture here, "remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" We are to receive it is true, we are to receive Him. He is the great Christmas Gift. It is blessed to receive. We are to receive God's blessings and the gifts of men. In this we are fortunate. But Jesus says, "It is more blessed to give." There is a world of meaning wrapped up in the little word "more." The unselfish spirit that gives for the sake of helping those who really need help is the very embodiment of the Christmas of lasting pleasure and happiness. What may be give at this season that will bless and help others?

1. We may give presents, if we are able, and thus gladden many hearts. Especially

when they are given to those who cannot give us presents in return.

2. We may give sympathy and good cheer, and thus make many gloomy hearts and homes cheerful.

3. We may give love. The world needs the unselfish love such as Jesus has taught us. The whole world will be better when Christians give more love.

4. We may give our prayers. None is too poor to pray. God has promised to hear our prayers, and answer them.

Christmas for others will mean a happy Christmas for self. Try it.

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December 20, 1925

WHY DID JESUS COME INTO THE WORLD?

Luke 1:31-33; John 10:7-11
(Rev. Calvin P. Swank, S.T.D.)

In the gift of Jesus to the world mankind has received its greatest blessing. So wonderful was His life, His teachings so helpful, His presence so inspiring and His Spirit so gentle and loving, that after all these centuries we have not been able to quite understand such love. Jesus Himself, however, tells us the reasons for His living, loving presence among us. He announced it quite early in His ministry when He called Matthew, later in the parables of the fifteenth chapter of Luke, also twice near the close of His ministry in His conversation with the Syrophoenician woman and Zacheus. The reason was His great love for the lost.

If we were away from home in a strange country and were lost, we should be very happy to have a guide. But many of us are lost right at home. We do not know what to do because of temptation and sin. We do not know which way to go in our duties and pleasures. We may also be lost in trouble or sorrow. Without the loving, guiding hand of Jesus we cannot find the right way. In fact, Jesus Himself is "The Way."

Did you ever visit the alms house or the asylum or the jail? Here are persons who are no longer useful among other people. They are a loss to society. It is even a more dreadful thing not to be useful to Christ. Everyone who is not useful is a loss. Maybe we have heard our parents or grandparents express a fear lest they should cease to be useful and become a burden. Those of us who are not useful in the work of our Lord are a burden—a loss to Him.

Then there are lost places in our lives, there are dark spots where we have sinned, vacant places where we have proven useless to our Lord. There are losses. While they can never be actually regained, we can by our trusting and obeying Jesus make the future more profitable because of these failures. Our sins are the cause of these terrible losses. Everyone who is unwilling to believe in and trust Jesus as Saviour is lost. Such an one is one the wrong way.

All these losses of sin must be forgiven. Just such forgiveness may be had in Jesus. It is bad enough to sin, but how sweet it is to know that when others misunderstand us, Jesus gladly forgives. To make possible such forgiveness Jesus came amidst great humiliation. He lived amidst great sacrifice and died amidst disgrace. This was the "way," whereby our losses could be redeemed and we could have forgiveness.

Consequently, for our sakes, that we might live happily, be useful to our fellows and rejoice in the best things of life, our Saviour did not hesitate to come. The people wanted to call Him King. They complained when He associated with the poor and wretched. But Jesus desired to live with and for those whom He might help. He desired only to be known as Saviour of the lost. How glad we should be that He came —so glad indeed that we would always tell others of the cause and blessing of His coming.

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THE NEAR EAST

"Land of all Nations"—Chapter 5—A Daughter of Lebanon (Layyah Barakat)
(Miss Laura Wade Rice)

Hymn.
Scripture.
Prayer.

Leader—The map shows the land of which we talk today as, roughly speaking, lying between Turkey on the North and Arabia on the South. Palestine lies—as you follow the coast—between Syria and Egypt. Many names connected with Syria are familiar to us.

A—Paul was on Syrian soil when the light from heaven shone upon him—"on the way to Damascus." Damascus itself, noted for its wonderful steel, its swords bending into a circle without breaking—is one of the oldest cities in the world which has always been a real place of government and inhabitants.

B—Tourists in the Near East usually find Aleppo on their route. Beirut, the seat of the great Syrian college of American missionary fame, and Antioch, where "the disciples were first called Christians" and from which Paul and Barnabas set out on their first missionary journey are in Syria. And who has not heard of the Syrian mountains, Lebanon and Anti-Lebanon, with their snowy heads and wonderful cedars sung in poetry and written of in Scripture?

C—Syria's soil has often run red with blood in the many wars which have devastated her, and yet we know better the peaceful journey with gifts made by the Wise

Men who crossed her land as they followed the Star "to the place where the young Child lay." Did not a good little baby camel follow them, and does he not come still at the Three Kings' Feast and leave gifts.

Leader—So when at the Advent time our thoughts turn eastward, Syria, as well as Palestine comes to our minds and therefore the lesson today from "The Land of All Nations" is of a Syrian woman, Layyah Barakat, a "Daughter of Lebanon," who came years ago to our shores to find here a refuge and friends.

D—She was born in a little Syrian village on the slopes of Lebanon, where the early missionaries were believed to bewitch the children and make them fly across the water to America. Only kindness and patience made the simple hearted people trust them as friends; so many questions were asked, "Why should boys and girls be taught to read and write?"—when the old sheik and his inkhorn would eventually reach every village and write all needed letters? "Is it not because there are not enough children in America that these strangely dressed people come to us?" "Will they not take all our little ones from us by their enchantments?"

E—In 1860 the Druzes massacred every man they could find that bore the name of Christian. A father, mother and six children tried to flee to safety, little three-year-old Layyah was one of them. (Read p. 79.) The father died from wounds received and the others returned to Abieh.

F—(Read pp. 80, 81.) They found the missionaries to be their best helpers, and wondered to discover in the "new religion" the same Jesus for Whose sake the Mohammedan Druzes had made them suffer. The severity of an uncle who wanted to keep Layyah from the missionaries really drove her to take refuge with them under the protection of the United States flag.

G—(Read pp. 82-86.) Learning was a joy to the girl, who at last was sent as a missionary teacher to Egypt. On the way she met a young Syrian missionary, Elias Barakat, who afterwards became her husband. Her school soon had eighty girls who all wanted to learn to make dresses like the Americans wore. After their marriage, the young man took charge of a printing press, while Layyah's school became a seminary.

H—Here, one day, she received a visitor, Dr. John Dulles, who told her he was superintendent of the Philadelphia Sunday School which had educated her. He gave her one of his visiting cards and asked her to write to his school about her work. Three years later, when the Mohammedan mobs cried, "Death to the infidel dogs," the Barakats, disguising themselves, reached in safety a vessel bound for America, and with only the memory—"Dr. Dulles-Philadelphia-Chestnut" which was on the lost card, stood in the streets of that American city, friendless and forlorn, while a crowd of American children shouted at them and tagged after them!

I—At last a friendly policeman put them on a car for Chestnut Street. Both Dr. Dulles and his pastor were away and worn out by her wanderings poor Layyah sat down and cried. Suddenly all was changed. Dr. Dulles' house-keeper ran after them holding the slip of paper on which they had written their names. Long before she had been a Sunday School girl and she remembered their missionary offerings. "Are you that same Layyah from Syria?" she asked. Friends were found at last. Dr. Dulles' son opened his home to them and work was found for Mr. Barakat on a religious paper.

J—(Read pp. 92-97.) Layyah thought her missionary work was over. "Woe is me! Everybody here is a Christian," she wept. At last she was prevailed on to speak at a missionary luncheon. Timidly, with little English, she began, but since then she has for forty years gone up and down the land telling the needs of her people and winning friends for them also with her knowledge of Eastern customs, making the Bible a living book to thousands.

K—She became the friend of all needy Syrians in this land—even of her persecutors the Mohammedans, working under the Women's Christian Temperance Union and also under the Pennsylvania Prison Society by looking after paroled prisoners. She founded a Syrian mission in Philadelphia. In 1919 she went to Syria to distribute relief and in 1922 founded in Abieh an orphanage for girls. She wrote a book in which she says: "My message is that if God can do what you shall read of here through a poor, weak, barefooted Mount Lebanon girl, He can do far more through you."

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THE IN-BETWEENS

The hardest age is the In-betweens—
Between the Primaries and the 'Teens.
Yet just because it's a trying age,
It should all the more your powers engage.
For soon will come, in the changing life,
The 'teen-age problems and 'teen-age strife.
Your part is, then, to help them prepare,
That on their way they may safely fare;
So seize this chance with the In-betweens,
To build for better and wiser 'Teens.

—*Agnes Volentine.*

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Knowing the glorious and influential history of the Luther League of America, The United Lutheran Church in America is happy to acknowledge it as the official organization for our young people. Through the League it now appeals once more to the young people for an unqualified loyalty to the Church.—F. H. Knubel.

Junior Department

DEAR JUNIOR WORKERS:—

A meeting of the Junior Committee of the Luther League of America was held in Pittsburgh on September 21.

New Topics were arranged for 1926 and a new Junior Reading Course selected. These will be printed in the December REVIEW.

A Goal for 1926 was set—200 new Junior Leagues. A quota has been fixed for the state and synodical Leagues. Will you help reach this goal? Pennsylvania, already well organized, was assigned one hundred new Leagues, and at the convention in Pittsburgh the delegates accepted this quota, and will work for it. If Pennsylvania promises one half of these new Leagues, surely the other units can reach the quota assigned. New York last year reached the goal they set themselves—50—but will go on again for the new goal of 35 more. The following has been set: Connecticut, 5; Columbia District, 5; Illinois, 10; Indiana, 20; Iowa, 5; Kansas, 5; Maryland Synod, 10; Michigan Synod, 15; Minnesota, 5; New Jersey, 10; Nebraska, 5; New York, 35; Ohio, 50; Pacific Northwest, 5; Pennsylvania, 100; Texas, 5; Wisconsin, 10. May we hear from the other units not assigned, if they will join us in reaching the goal of 200?

To reach this goal we must have the cooperation of each State President, and a Junior Secretary in each unit. We now have Junior Secretaries in twelve of the synodical Leagues. Pennsylvania is organized 100 per cent., with a Junior Secretary in each District, led by an energetic State Chairman. Will those synodical Leagues still without a Junior Secretary, plan to appoint one at once?

A new Special Junior Objective for 1926 was chosen. This is pending the approval of the Executive Committee, and we will doubtless be able to announce it in the December REVIEW.

It was recommended that every Junior League become a Sustaining Member by taking out a Five Dollar Sustaining Membership, in the Luther League of America. A number of Junior Leagues already are members. We trust every Junior League will do this, and report to this office. A list will be printed in the REVIEW.

A National Junior Reading Contest will be started. For each book of the Junior Reading Course read by a Junior, five points will be given, and at our next national convention a Banner will be awarded to the State having the most points in proportion to its Junior membership. Watch the Junior *Outlook* and the REVIEW for further announcements.

Another new feature will be two Junior Institutes held during 1926, one in the East and the other in the West. To these Institutes we are inviting—and we hope each State will send—the Junior Secretary of each State, and in addition we want every district and local leader. At these Institutes we will have informal conferences and discussions, to better learn how to carry on the work. Think of this so that when these Institutes are announced you may be prepared to attend. A program and full details will be issued.

Junior literature was authorized to be printed. The Junior Packet will be continued each half year, and leaflets constantly added. Look at the inside cover page for the list of leaflets already in stock. We remember when the first—then the only—piece of Junior literature was printed, "Training Our Juniors," and we rejoice exceedingly at the progress made along this line. A Junior Manual is also to be compiled.

These preliminary announcements of our plans for 1926 will be followed by definite details later. Watch for them.

In November is celebrated "Children's Book Week." Why not use the Junior Reading Course during this time? We are greatly encouraged by the increasing use of the Course, and the popularity of the 1925 books. See the list at the head of this Department.

Note the cover page of the REVIEW this month. Does it not have an appeal? Why not have your Juniors cooperate in some work of the Junior Red Cross? The Junior Luther League is an agency which can combine the program and plans of all children's organizations.

Plan to use the November Topics as suggested in last month's REVIEW. Arrange a special Thanksgiving meeting. Send a report of same to the office. Look over the December topics now and plan your Christ-

mas activities. Send for the Junior Program Packet, forty cents. Write to the office concerning any part of the work. Send in news of what you are doing in your Junior League. BRENDA L. MEHLHOUSE.

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December 6, 1925

SENDING CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

(Missionary)

(Mrs. A. J. Fenner)

Arrange the children in a circle for this meeting.

Superintendent.

Introduction. When God sends a baby brother or sister to live with you, aren't you happy? Mother and Father are happy too and they just want everyone to know about the dear baby. Mother sends pretty little cards to all their friends telling them the baby's name and just how much he weighs. When their friends receive the card they say, "Oh, we are so glad to hear about the dear baby. We must hurry right over and have a peep at him."

Now our Leader has a story to tell us, about a Baby who came to live on earth, many, many years ago, and the wonderful way in which His coming was announced.

Leader.

Many, many years ago, in the city of Bethlehem, a dear little Baby was born. No cards were sent to tell of His arrival, because this Baby was different from all other babies in the world. He was God's only Son.

Angels came to announce the glad tidings to all the world, that Christ was born. A bright star shone in the sky and guided Wise Men to the place where the baby lay. An angel carried the message to the shepherds, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." The Heavens were opened and a host of angels sang His praise.

Truly no baby was ever announced to the world as was our little Lord Jesus on that first glad Christmas night.

Superintendent.

Many hundreds of years have passed since the angels told of our Saviour's birth, but we still remember and celebrate it. What a joyful, happy time it is! How thankful we are to God, for sending us this wonderful gift of His only Son.

But do you know, boys and girls, that after all these years there are still millions of people who have never heard of Christmas or the Lord Jesus?

The angel's message said, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to *all* people." We are happy because *we* know and love Jesus, but sometimes don't you think we forget to tell *others* about Him?

Our missionaries are working very hard to carry the story of Jesus to those who have never heard it, but oh it will take ever so many missionaries, years and years, until the whole world hears the name of Jesus. You and I and everyone must help to carry the message.

Now this afternoon we are all going to be missionaries and help to carry the story of Jesus all around the world. Then we can see what a happy world this would be if every one had a Christmas Day.

(Ask the children to name the different countries into which they would like to carry the message. Have a number of blank cards, with strings attached so that they can be hung over the children's heads. As the countries are named, quickly write them on the cards, with a heavy crayon and hang about a child's neck. Be sure to include Home as well as Foreign Missions. Send these children into different parts of the room, as different parts of the world. The remaining Juniors might be provided with pencils and paper and be asked to write the messages. Short sentences like, "Jesus loves you," will do. Ask the children for suggestions.

Collect all messages and put into a mail bag (one of the school bags or paper bags will do.) Select Juniors to deliver these messages to the different countries. Before they leave on their journey have all sing:

"We've a message to give to the nations,
That the Lord Who reigneth above,
Has sent us His Son to save us,
And show us that God is love.

"We've a Story to Tell," from Missionary Hymnal—15¢—Literature Headquarters.

Juniors then deliver the messages and invite the different countries to join them in their meeting.

PROGRAM

1. Hymn—"Away In a Manger."

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December 13, 1925

SERVING GOD WITH OUR HANDS AND MINDS

(Points 11 and 16, Junior Standard of Efficiency)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS—WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT THE MIND.

Monday—Matt. 22:37.
Tuesday—I Pet. 4:7.
Wednesday—Psalm 119:113.
Thursday—Isa. 26:3.
Friday—Mark 14:72.
Saturday—Rom. 12:16.
Sunday—I Pet. 4:7.

Assign these passages to seven children and let each one tell what his verse means.

2. The Christmas Story—Told by a Junior in his own words. (St. Luke 2:1-17.)
3. Hymn—"Silent Night."
4. Prayer—By all.
5. Hymn—"Jesus Loves Me."

SUGGESTIONS FOR LEADERS

The memory work suggested on the Program of Efficiency for Junior Leagues may be encouraged by the use of the symbols in the "String of Pearls." There are twelve symbols given on this card, such as the Cross for the Easter story, the Star for the Christmas story, etc. As each child memorizes the assigned work he or she is given one of these symbols to take home and string on a ribbon. The Juniors will work very hard to complete the memory work, so that the ribbon may be filled with these pearls. Others may be added to the list if the leader so desired. This String of Pearls may be secured through this office.

THE TOPIC

1. *How Can We Serve God with Our Minds?*

This is a big question for Juniors to answer, but yet a very simple one. God has given us our minds so that we may remember the great promises for every time of need. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." So we turn to God's Word to find the great teachings. There are the Psalms, Commandments and the Blesseds of Matthew 5 which every Junior should know. If we fill our minds with God's thoughts there will be no place for the many wicked things that will destroy our lives. Are you serving God in this way? Have you been able to put aside some of the fret and worry of school and "set your minds on things that are above?"—(Col. 3:2.)

2. *Using My Hands for God's Service.*

What is the value of your hands? How much would you take for one of your hands? (Let the children discuss this question, by doing so they will clearly see the value of God's wonderful gift to them.) Since we have proven the great value our hands are to us let us see just what can be done. Mary, will you tell how you have been serving God with your hands?

Mary—For some weeks I have been cutting out all the beautiful pictures and pasting them into books. These books are taken to the sick boys and girls in the hospitals, and in that way I help to spread cheer and happiness. There is much joy in doing this. Won't you help me to make God's children happy?

Ruth, you tell us about that basket of Bible Flowers you took to that old lady who was so sick.

Ruth—While reading in my Bible, I decided I would like to see how many plants and flowers were mentioned. These are some that I found—"The rose of Sharon," "the lily of the valley," "the flag," "the cedar," "the Palm," "the willow," and many others. I could not buy an expensive bouquet, so I just decided to ask the florist for one of each. With this odd bunch of flowers and twigs I sat down at the table and wrote out these Bible Verses on beautiful colored paper, folded them in odd shapes and then tied them on the flowers named with bright colored ribbon. My prescription was "one every hour." This brought much joy to the weary one, and oh! I did feel so happy. You just do the same, and see if you won't become happy, too.

Leader—I have heard John tell about his work. Won't you tell the Juniors, John?

John—Well, my father has a fruit store, and I may have a nice piece of fruit each day. One day as I passed the Old Folks' Home I felt like doing something for each one. Now I couldn't go to father and ask him for enough fruit to treat every person the same day. Suddenly this thought came to me—why not remember their birthdays? I rushed in to get the names and dates of every inmate. When there is a birthday, I ask my father for a piece of fruit—the very nicest. I tie a birthday card on it and down the street I go, yes, into the room where the birthday child is either in bed, in a chair, or walking about. I wish him many happy birthdays, and after talking for a short while I start home. Many familiar faces call out—"Hello, there, Junior. Some boy you are." Happy—I suppose that is what you call it—because it makes a fellow feel mighty good.

Leader—What else may we Juniors do? (Ask Juniors to name things, and also suggest some.)

1. Send birthday cards to the missionaries.
2. Remember the orphan children.
3. Invite some poor children to one of the Junior League socials.
4. Paste post-cards together for a foreign mission box.
5. Make a quilt—to be sent to orphan home.
6. Dress dolls for a Christmas box for one of our Settlements.

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December 20, 1925

GOD'S CHRISTMAS GIFT TO US

(Christmas Meeting)

St. Luke 2:8-20

(Miss Esther E. Martin)

Poster—Use 9 x 12 sheet of black construction paper for a mount. (Larger if preferred.) Cut out Christmas tree of green construction paper, sheet 6 x 9 folded lengthwise. Fold will be center of tree. Keep paper folded while cutting and hold fold toward you. Start by cutting from fold toward outer edge of paper about a 25 degree angle. Make slash about 2½ inches long, then turn scissor points back the same way they came and make about the same sized angle toward center toward point only cut in 1½ inches. Keep cutting

in this manner, but widening as you cut. When you reach the left open corner of the paper, cut in almost to fold and widening as you cut. When within ½ inch of fold cut in opposite direction but straight, parallel with the fold. When opened, paper shows a well formed tree. Mount lengthwise on black mount with point almost to top of mount. Make a square box of brown paper and paste over base of tree. Paste silver star on top point of tree and make various colored circles and objects which should be pasted at various places on the tree. *Do not overcrowd* it or you will spoil the appearance. Words should be cut from different color paper and pasted evenly below tree. Words—"We would like the entire Church to help us celebrate Christmas in Junior League today."

Invitations—Little red stockings made from cheesecloth. Paper inserted inside with words—"A stocking's not much good if there isn't something in it. Fill me and bring me to Junior League today."

Follow suggestions in Supt. Helper and do not delay too long in planning for it.

Some Junior Leagues give one of the pageants in connection with the Christmas Sunday School Service. Try it. It puts the Junior League before the entire congregation and is a little unusual. Consult your pastor and Sunday School Superintendent about this.

Use a great many Christmas hymns.

Get the leaflet "Christmas With the Juniors" (to cents) and the Pageant, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," for additional suggestions.

December 27, 1925

A NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION TO OUR MISSIONARIES

(Missionary)

(Mrs. A. J. Fenner)

Let this meeting be a brief review of our year's missionary work. Display all the handwork made by the Juniors, also all posters, maps and pictures which have been used in the previous meetings. Arrange the material on screens or tables according to each country or subject. If the Superintendent wishes, this may be an exhibition of the Junior's work and parents and friends may be invited. At the close of the meeting serve light refreshments.

Select eight Juniors to represent missionaries from the eight mission fields we have studied, and four Juniors as representatives of our work here at home (orphanages, settlements, immigrants, Sunday School work). Assign the work to the Juniors at least two weeks in advance, giving each a copy of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW in which their subject is outlined.

PROGRAM

Hymn—"The World Children for Jesus."

Prayer—(By Leader or Superintendent) Giving thanks for God's blessings throughout the past year. Giving thanks for the new missionaries who have entered the work during the year—for our new fields in China and the Southern Mountains. That God may bless and care for us in the coming year. That He will bless all His children in other lands. That He will direct us in our missionary work and help each of us to find some special work to do. That we will do this work willingly and cheerfully.

Hymn—A Christmas Hymn, children's choice.

Topic—A New Year's Reception to Our Missionaries.

Prayer—Sentence prayers by the Juniors, for our missionaries.

Closing Hymn—"Jesus Shall Reign."

Reception to Missionaries.

Topic—The twelve Juniors, representing the different fields of work, step forward to the platform, where chairs have been arranged for them. They hold or have fastened to them, cards on which are placed the name and picture of the missionary they represent.

The superintendent introduces the missionaries according to the order in which they appear on the program. As they are introduced, they come forward and give in their own words three or four facts about the field they represent. This may not be as smooth and finished a program as if the parts assigned were written out for each one, but it will teach our boys and girls to stand up before others and tell in their own words, just what they have learned.

If the superintendent wishes, she might suggest to the Juniors (when assigning the work) a few of the facts she would like brought out on each subject, for example:

Japan—Represented by Miss Anna Powlas. Tell something of:

1—The country
2—The people
3—Their religion
4—Our work; especially the work of the missionary they represent.

The missionaries represented are as follows:

1—China; Rev. Krueger (Rev. and Mrs. Krueger and Rev. and Mrs. Anspach are the first missionaries to China from our Church in America).
2—India; Dr. Anna Kugler.
3—Japan; Miss Anna Powlas.
4—Africa; Sister Laura Gilliland.
5—Virgin Islands; Sister Nancy Schoen.
6—Porto Rico; Rev. Alfred Ostrom.
7—South America; Rev. Ralph White.
8—Southern Mountains; Miss Mary Smith.

For the remaining Topics do not assign any particular missionaries, simply print "Settlements," "Immigrants," "Orphanages" and "Sunday Schools" on the cards and have the Juniors representing these, tell of the work.

Substitute other missionaries for the list given if your Juniors are more familiar with them. At the close of the program, form a "receiving line" and introduce our missionaries to the parents and friends.

Photographs of Anna Powlas, Dr. Kugler and Sister Laura Gilliland may be secured from Literature Headquarters. Photographs of the other missionaries may be found in *Lutheran Woman's Work* and *Lutheran Boys and Girls.*

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MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

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correct name at the first meeting and one point will be allowed for the proper name brought in at the next meeting. A record will be kept and an announcement will be made of the winner. This announcement may be made at a regular meeting of the league; or it may be made through the parish paper. It is possible that a Luther League badge may be given as a prize. The first missionary in the series will be the man who has been called to be at the head of a Christian College in India. If her plan succeeds and the members of her league go home and read the missionary magazines in order that they may know the name of the missionary told about at the meetings, much missionary information will be gained. The stay-at-home members of the family may become interested in answering the questions of the enthusiastic Luther Leaguers who come home and ask, "Who was the first Lutheran missionary to India?" or "Who was the missionary who wanted to go to India as a doctor and was refused and is now one of the great doctors of India?"

Another missionary secretary is already collecting material for the missionary programs for 1926. All eyes are turned in missionary study to Latin America. Only one book will be used in our regular course, "Looking Ahead with Latin America;" but this missionary secretary is collecting maps, pictures, charts, general information. There is a wealth of material which will be helpful in the arrangement of the programs. This missionary secretary is planning dramatizations, information contests, etc. If all missionary secretaries will take a lesson from this one and begin now to plan for the five programs on Latin America, the coming year will be a year of great missionary education in our Luther Leagues.

Only two missionary secretaries have answered the request that they send to our general missionary secretary information about their work. When the work is really going in earnest, enthusiasm will be so great that the missionary secretaries can not keep it to themselves? They will just have to pass it on. Watch the next REVIEW for accounts of what some other missionary secretaries are doing.

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SECRETARY'S LETTER

(*Continued from page* 13)

there is mirth and feasting and recreation, in larger measure than formal worship, there is, there must be, deep in the hearts of all people, whether expressed or not, a consciousness that this Nation with its wealth and prosperity and progress owes gratitude to God for His manifold blessings.

Of course, Luther Leaguers, will heed the call of the President, to assemble in their "accustomed places of Worship."

League-ally yours,

HARRY HODGES.

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SOCIAL MEETING

(*Continued from page* 10)

when we hold them, I don't always go. It's not necessary for the Secretary always to be there. I'll write 'When necessity demands.' That sounds good.

" 'When do you elect officers?' We re-elect the old officers each January. It's only a form anyhow. 'First of Year.' That fixes that.

"Dear, I must hurry, or I never will get through. 'Do you desire help of any of our District Committees?' Of course we don't. We're getting along nicely, considering everything—and we don't want any outside interference. 'None desired,' I'll write.

" 'What special line of work do you do?' Well, there's plenty of special work for the secretary. I'll put 'Answering letters, making out reports, etc.'

" 'Give suggestions that you think will interest others?' I can't think of anything we do that will interest others, I'll just leave that blank.

"There now—that report is finished. Every question answered. I'll do exactly as she says—return it immediately—just as soon as it is filled in. I don't see why she should mind waiting four weeks for it. Some people are so unreasonable!

"Oh! there is Betty and the car. I've finished just in time! What a relief!"

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A corn syrup manufacturing company received the following letter:

"Dear Sirs: I have ate three cans of your corn syrup and it has not helped my corns one bit."

"The Daily Dozen in Bible Exercise"

BY HENRY VOIGT

WHEN God created man, the highest of His earthly creatures, He gave him a physical body which is a wonderful mechanism, often unappreciated by those who possess it. To keep that body fit is one of our duties in life and we must have, besides food and rest, daily exercise in order to do this. Again, the food and the rest and the exercise must be used in a regular manner if they are to be the means of building up a strong, healthy and vigorous body fit to be what St. Paul calls, "the temple of the Holy Ghost."

It would perhaps suit us, when we think of hurrying off to school or work in the morning, to sit down at the beginning of the year and eat enough breakfast to last us through the 365 days—but it cannot be done; it might better satisfy us, when we think of the pleasure we have on some days and nights, to give up our sleep and go on with our pleasure or tasks—but soon we reach a limit; perhaps, again, we would like to play and keep on playing or do some other form of exercise incessantly—but weariness comes to us and we must stop. Food, to be beneficial to us, must be chosen and used regularly; rest, to be helpful in building up new strength, must be taken in an orderly fashion; and exercise, if we would keep our bodies fit so that we can think clearly and act freely, must be regularly indulged in.

In these days we see, on every hand, the evidence that compulsory exercise is required in grammar and high schools and in our higher institutions of learning as young men and young women pursue their studies and are being trained for the great battle of life. Most of us are ready to look for a place to eat three times a day and to find a bed where we may rest at night, but how many of us find the proper time and obtain the required amount of exercise so that all the organs and muscles that make up that wonderful body of ours can function properly and give us the enjoyment of that priceless blessing of good health? How we admire a person possessing a strong and healthy body. As we turn to our Bible we find many instances of young men who were so fortunate. There was Samuel of whom we read, "And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favor both with the Lord and also with men;" there was Saul, the first king of Israel, of whom it is written, "Saul, a choice young man and a goodly; and there was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he: from his shoulders and upwards he was higher than any of the people;" there was David of whom we read, "Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to," and we remember how as a young man he smote the lion and the bear and the giant Goliath; there was Absalom of whom it is recorded, "But in all Israel there was none to be so much praised as Absalom for his beauty: from the sole of his feet even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him;" there were Daniel and his three friends, who refused to take the king's food, taking pulse and water instead of the dainties and the wine, who were youths, "in whom was no blemish;" and there was our blessed Lord Himself of Whom St. Luke speaks, "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."

Busy men, far busier than you or I, have found the means and the time, in the proper atmosphere of fresh air, to do certain exercises night and morning which are planned to benefit the whole body and by which, with just a bit of time and effort and will-power, they have built up their bodies and have kept themselves fit to do the hard tasks in life. They have been called the "Daily Dozen" and are similar to the setting up exercises we find used in the army and in our Boy Scout and Girl Scout work. I believe that those proposed by Mr. Walter Camp, the great athletic authority, are considered among the best. Our former President, Theodore Roosevelt, known far and wide as the exponent of the strenuous life, was puny and sickly as a child but he built up his body so that he could do all sorts of athletic work far better than the average man.

But when God created man He gave him something more important than his body, for we read in Genesis 2:7, "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living *soul.*" Our body, wonderful as it is, is only the tabernacle of the soul. Man's soul is his real self; here God made man in His own image. And as our body grows and becomes stronger so we find the soul has a growth too; our physical life needs our attention and our spiritual life needs more careful attention; not only our outward self but our inner self must be looked after. And food and rest for the soul God has given us in His holy Word, which is the record of His revelation to man and expression of His will. To appreciate these great truths we must have daily exercise in that Word. We are to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge

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League News Items

SEND IN THE NEWS—The other Leagues want to know what YOU are doing. You want them to know of your activities. This department is a clearing house for ideas in entertainment and good works. If yours is not represented it is because we do not hear from you. All news items must be in the Editor's hands by the first of the month.

VIRGINIA

And We Did

Have the best convention we ever had. Leaguers who attended the Staunton convention certainly heard the call of Jesus to a greater service. But this convention will not have accomplished its aim, unless—every Leaguer returned home determined to make his or her League the best in the Synod, and to give his fellow-Leaguers those things which they received, which will make better servants for Christ.

Appreciation

The Luther League of the Synod of Virginia is deeply appreciative of the hospitality of the Staunton folks, which played such a big part in creating the splendid spirit which was manifested by all the young people. Our prayer is that God may richly bless every kind act that was done, every kind word that was spoken, and may the friendships formed among us be everlasting.

The Devotions

The manner in which the devotions, at the beginning of each session were conducted, deserves mention. Those having charge of these services were: J. B. Cassel, Rachel Crigler, Heathe Stickley, Louise Saker and Olga Linsenmeyer. The convention theme, "Jesus Calls," was brought out very beautifully by each one.

The Welcome

By Mr. Howard Siple, of the Christ Luther League, made every one feel that they were truly welcome. Mr. Siple said, "It's good to see you here," and added that he hoped when the delegates left they could say, "It's good to have been here" by staying over until the last minute so in love are we with the Staunton folks that we proved the statement of "it was good to have been here." Action spoke louder than words, for and wanting to continue to stay! Miss Jessie Cronk in her "Thank You" expressed the heartfelt sentiment of the convention in thanking the Staunton League and congregation for their welcome.

Added Much

The presence of Dr. C. Brown Cox, President of Synod of Virginia, added a great deal to the success of the Convention. Dr. Cox gave a forceful address on the first evening of the Convention. Throughout the entire convention Dr. Cox took part in the discussions and was a great help to the Leaguers in giving them information on questions which would arise. He also brought greetings from the Synod and assured the League of the hearty support of Synod. At the closing session the officers for the ensuing year were installed by Dr. Cox.

Peterson vs. Dittmer

Mrs. Minnie Peterson, of the wicked city of Chicago, and Mr. Clarence Dittmer, of the little state in the north, New York, were happily received by the Leaguers. Their addresses, lectures, talks, jokes, and pep, were helpful to all. Mr. Dittmer's address, "The Call of Youth to a Larger Service," made real the fact that opportunity is waiting for every young person, and that it is great to be a Luther Leaguer. After Mrs. Peterson's methods hours every League should be prepared to have excellent devotional, social and business meetings, for her lectures were filled with helpful suggestions.

The Master Christian

Mrs. Thomas, one of our missionaries from India, gave a missionary address, "The Master Christian." She told the story of a native worker in India who had given his life to serving the Master. She said that wherever he would go the people would say, "This must be Jesus." How beautiful it is that this follower of Christ lives so close to the Master that his fellow-men can see Christ in him. As Leaguers what greater ambition could we have than to so live that our fellow-men could see Christ in us! Mrs. Thomas said also that Miss Moses, our beloved missionary, is of the same type, which indeed inspires us to want to have a greater part in her work. It was indeed a privilege and pleasure to have Mrs. Thomas on our convention program.

Excellent

Was the pageant, "The Striking of America's Hour," by the Muhlenberg League of Harrisonburg. Not only do we commend those who took part, but special mention of the director, Mrs. H. E. Beatty, is "in order," as our president would say. The stirring message given by the presentation of the pageant touched the hearts of all. How true it is that America will be judged, and unless the Luther Leaguers answer the call to Life Service, the call to give to all the true light of the world, she will be weighed and found wanting.

Pep Not Lacking

No indeed, plenty of pep was present at the banquet. While the guests were assembling in Hotel Beverly, the Staunton League orchestra started the evening right by a half-hour of splendid music. A bountiful plate was served, at which time Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Dittmer, and Miss Scherer tried to see who could eat the most fried chicken—we think Mr. Dittmer won! Two humorous readings by Mrs. Peterson were DEE-lightful. The address of the evening by Mr. Dittmer, "Beyond the Horizon," gave to the Leaguers the thought that just beyond the horizon opportunity, joy, and happiness are waiting for those who serve the Lord. Miss Scherer gave the history of the League from its beginning. At the close of the first year after the Synodical League was organized five Leagues were reported. The report of this convention shows fifty-five organized Leagues. If we have grown to fifty-five in five years, what can we do in the future?

After Miss Scherer's talk about our presidents of the past, every young man at the banquet wanted to be president—report shows that from the beginning of this organization, when the president went into office he was single, when

he gave up the office he was married!! Our "Fritz" didn't get married this year so we re-elected him to give him "another chance."

Miss Scherer concluded her splendid talk by stating the fact that the Field Secretary always went around without a hat and the League was much distressed over such actions. Said secretary was asked to come forward to receive a hat made "especially" for her. Miss Scherer asked Joe Fray (who always gets lost) and Fritz (whom we all love) to put the hat on the Field Secretary. After this was done the Secretary looked in the mirror to see upon her head a gorgeous creation of green and white!! A hat made of new one-dollar bills! (They said all of this was in appreciation of efficient service, etc., and because it is your field secretary who is writing this she must say that the service rendered was through love for Christ and every young person in the Virginia Synod, and her prayer is that she may have many years to serve Him and His children.) The green and white creation has been exchanged for a most beautiful wrist watch which your secretary just adores.

The toastmaster for the occasion was Mr. William Eisenberg, of Staunton, who was quite clever in handling this part of the program.

In Gypsy Park

The most impressive feature of the Convention was the Vesper Service conducted by Rev. Frank Miller in Gypsy Park. Rev. Miller used as his subject, "Worship." After the splendid sermon, the special music, and the anthem by the Leagues, we felt the beauty of worshipping God in the temple of "Out-of-Doors."

Honor Roll Leagues

Banner Leagues

Grace—Rural Retreat, Va.
Virginia Heights—Roanoke, Va.

Standard Leagues

Holy Trinity—Lynchburg, Va.
Immanuel—Bluefield, W. Va.
College Church—Salem, Va.
Hebron—Madison, Va.
Bethany—Lexington, Va.
First—Richmond.

New Officers and Secretaries

F. C. Hamer, president, 24 S. Augusta St., Staunton, Va.; Robert W. Umberger, vice-president, P. O. Box 762, Bluefield, W. Va.; Jessie Cronk, recording secretary, 421 Janette Ave., Roanoke, Va.; Joseph Fray, treasurer, Madison, Va.; Maxine Howard, statistical secretary, 422 Victoria Ave., Lynchburg, Va.; Olga Linsenmeyer, field secretary, Bluefield, W. Va.; Catharine Cox, missionary secretary, Marion, Va.; Rachel Crigler, life service secretary, Madison, Va.; Louise Saker, literature secretary, 512 Luck Ave., S. W., Roanoke, Va.; Heathe Stickley, educational secretary, Stephens City, Va.

The Budget

Miss Moses' Salary (6 months—January 1, 1926 to July 1, 1926)	$ 300.00
Andhra Christian College (same time as above)	100.00
Luther League of America (same time as above	100.00
Current Expenses (same time as above)	500 00
Balance due on 1925 Budget	885.00
	$1,885.00

Report From Milwaukee

Miss Vivian Cronk gave a splendid report from the Milwaukee Convention. Reports were also made by the other delegates attending the National Convention.

And Now

We thank Almighty God for His help and guidance during the past year, for the faithful Leaguers and officers and all whose efforts were given toward making better Leagues, and better Christians, and we pray that our officers, and our Leaguers, and all of the young people of the Luther League of Virginia may consecrate their all to do even better in the future than in the past.

WISCONSIN

Immediately preceding the National Luther League Convention in Milwaukee the Wisconsin State League gathered for its twenty-seventh annual convention in St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wauwatosa. The opening session was a devotional service with a topic presented by the Luther League of the Redeemer Church, Milwaukee, a newly organized but aggressive and progressive society. The presence and contributions of thought of Messrs. Harry Hodges and Clarence Dittmer were greatly appreciated. Would that such opportunities for the personal touch with national League officers were more frequent! The Vesper Service on Sunday evening, July 5, was conducted by the Reverend John F. Fedders, of Milwaukee. Pastor F. W. Otterbein, of the U. L. C.,'s miraculous mission in North Austin, was the speaker of the evening, who presented the subject "Obeying Christ in Education." Greetings from ecclesiastical and civil officials were given at the close of the service, after which the local League furnished a social hour. The devotional period on Monday morning was followed by a business session which included interesting and encouraging reports of officers and committees and which in turn was succeeded by an inspirational hour during which Mr. Clarence C. Dittmer, of Brooklyn, N. Y., treasurer of the Luther League of America, addressed the convention on the theme "Obeying Christ in Life Service." Miss Brenda Mehlhouse, of Philadelphia, presented the Junior work at the dinner table. Pastor Steckel, of Milwaukee, presented worthy thoughts during his afternoon devotional session at which time the Reverend Mr. Olson, of New London, sang a baritone solo. Among the outstanding resolutions adopted at the afternoon session was the enthusiastic support of the Andhra Christian College project. By vote of the convention the fiscal year of the State League will be made to conform with the Synodical fiscal year. After their re-election or appointment the following officers were installed by the Rev. W. M. Kennerly, D.D., former State president; the Rev. William Niebling, Wauwatosa, president; Wilter Leininger, Kenosha, vice-president; Caroline Niebling, Wauwatosa, recording secretary; Carolyn Brietzke, Racine, corresponding secretary; Mrs. P. E. Luety, Beloit, treasurer; the Rev. C. E. Fritz, Waukesha, extension committee chairman; the Reverends J. H. Fedders, F. O. Broesicke and Mr. Carl Raupach, Milwaukee, executive committee members, and Miss Meralda Ostrander, Milwaukee, Intermediate and Junior work secretary. As a fitting conclusion of the Wisconsin State convention, the Reverend A. J. Traver, of New York City, former State president of New York, addressed the many delegates and visitors on the subject "Obeying Christ in Missions." The 1926 convention will be held in the new Church of the Resurrection, Milwaukee, on a date to be decided by the executive committee. Wisconsin looks forward to a bright future of consecrated Christian service.

NEBRASKA

The fifteenth annual convention of the Luther League of Nebraska was held at Grace Lutheran Church of Lincoln, Nebraska, August 28-30. Dr. Horace Martin, the new president of Midland College gave the opening address of the convention on the convention theme "Christ First." The opening session was followed by an unusually lively mixer.

At the second session of the convention Fred Walter, state treasurer read a paper on "Christ First in our own Lives." Officers' reports were given and conferences on the work of the local officers were conducted by the State president, secretary and treasurer. Luncheon was served at the church.

At the third session of the convention Pauline Prestegaard of Midland College gave an address on "Christ first in our League Activities." A spirited discussion on the address was led by Margaret Koolen of Leigh. Dr. M. J. Bieber of Minneapolis was introduced and he brought greetings from the Luther League of America. The committee on the Luther League Hospice (boarding and rooming home for Lutheran young people which the Luther League of Nebraska is to establish in Omaha) gave its report. The committee recommended that the hospice be established at once and that the proposed constitution for the hospice be adopted. The committee suggested that we attempt to raise $200 on the convention floor in pledges. Dr. Bieber was asked to raise the fund and in about fifteen minutes the fund closed at $215.00—Nebraska also "oversubscribes." This money together with the funds already on hand will be enough to furnish the hospice. The home is to be self-sustaining.

That evening a lively banquet with over two hundred present, was held. It vied with the banquet at the National Convention for enthusiasm, noise, and pep. The Grace League gave a play, "The New Minister Arrives," and St. James League Orchestra of Lincoln gave us several excellent numbers.

The fifth session of the convention opened with an address by Fred Martin of Midland College, on "Christ First in our State League Objectives." A discussion on the talk was led by Dorothy Richardson. The hospice constitution was adopted and the board of directors under the new constitution were instructed to incorporate the organization. The convention then adjourned to the front steps of the church where the convention picture was taken.

The sixth session of the convention was devoted to business. The standard of efficiency committee reported a very excellent standard for the Nebraska Leagues. The convention adopted the standard unanimously. The credential committee reported an attendance of 101 out of town delegates, visitors, and officers. North Platte extended an invitation to the next convention and it was referred to the executive committee. The following persons were elected as officers for the coming year: H. W. Fischer, Omaha, president; Verna Botsch, Clarkson, Carl Taedter, Hastings, and Lawrence Niebaum, Fontenelle, vice presidents; Marie Helzer, Normal, recording secretary; Helen Pula, Omaha, corresponding secretary, and Fred Walter, Creston, treasurer. Otto Schellberg, Omaha, Albert Hedelund, Omaha, Rev. F. C. Schuldt, Fontenelle, and Lawrence Niebaum, Fontenelle, were elected to the board of directors of the Hospice. The resolutions committee report was read and adopted. Important resolutions were: "That we commend Midland College to all of our young people who intend to enter college; and that the first Sunday in Lent be designated as a day of prayer to be observed by the Leagues on behalf of Midland." "That this organization look with favor upon the recommendation of the National Luther League to raise $25.000 for Andhra Christian College of India; and that we urge the local Leagues of this State to heartily cooperate in the effort of our State League to raise the full amount of $600 apportioned to Nebraska." "That the president be given the power to appoint a librarian and historian to gather the historical material of the Luther League of Nebraska." "That the Leaguers be urged to subscribe to the Luther League Review each League to endeavor to secure two new subscriptions so that Nebraska's quota of fifty may be realized." "That we endeavor to double the number of sustaining members in Nebraska before January 1, 1926." The delegates to the National Convention gave their reports. Mrs. Ernst Walter, wife of the superintendent of Tabitha Home gave a very excellent talk on the work of the Home. Tabitha is located at Lincoln. The delegates were then taken on a sightseeing trip ending with a picnic at Antelope Park.

The last session of the convention was held Friday evening. Dr. W. F. Rangeler, president of the Synod of Nebraska, installed the officers-elect. Dr. Rangeler then delivered the closing address "Going Forward with Christ."

This convention was the largest in the history of the Luther League of Nebraska. If our attendance keeps on increasing at the same rate as it has the last few years New York and Pennsylvania will have to look out. Nebraska goes ever onward!

Creston

The third annual convention and rally of Colfax and adjoining counties was held in St. Peter's Church, Creston, Nebraska, on September 6.

A sermon was preached by the Rev. W. Lobsien, of Platte Centre, and papers were read on "Life of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg," "Charity Institutions of Our Synod," and "Home Mission Work of Our Church" and "The Opportunity of the Church in the Future Development of Our Country" by the Leagues of Creston, Madison, Platte Centre and Leigh.

At the evening session each League gave a fifteen minute program, and the convention closed with a social hour.

KANSAS

The annual convention of the Kansas State League is unique—it does not wait to be invited to some City; invitations for the next convention are not discussed on the convention floor! But for the last three years this league has been meeting in the Lutheran Camp near Junction City, Kansas. The leaguers spend an entire week at the camp and most of them make this a part of their vacation. There are several good features about such an arrangement—nothing has to be rushed through as there is plenty of time for business; there is also time for Bible study and of course plenty of time for recreation. The leaguers have a real opportunity to get acquainted with each other. All meetings are held in an auditorium "not made with hands"—God's beautiful out of doors, the trees the only roof known there.

Strict camp rules are observed and honors awarded each day.

This year's meeting was held from August 24th to 31st. At the early devotional period which preceded breakfast, a different Luther Leaguer took charge each morning. Bible study period at 9:30 in the morning was in charge of the Pastors on the ground. Singing periods were in charge of Mr. Paul White, a theological student, and the practical methods were in charge of Mrs. S. T. Peterson of Chicago.

Different programs had been planned for each evening. Tuesday: Debates, readings and musical numbers. Wednesday: Stunt night and this of course was exceedingly interesting. Thursday: Street carnival—each tent furnishing some kind of a "show." Friday: Impersonations. Saturday: Well Saturday evening was fortunately an open night, and as the young folks had been pretty well acquainted by this time most of them were seen strolling in sets of twos!

Pastors Nielsen, Clemmons and Beil were in evidence at all times, and did much to make the Luther League convention a success. They in turn pass some of the credit to Mrs. Peterson who represented the Luther League of America.

The outstanding business features were: acceptance of the $400 quota for Andhra College; a change in the constitution whereby the personnel of the executive committee is somewhat changed. All reports showed progress in the past year.

The following resolutions were adopted:

1. Be it resolved that we thank God for the Luther League of the Kansas Synod, for the spirit that prompted the charter members to form the organization, for the faithfulness of those officers who have carried on the work to this present time, and we thank God for the same spirit which prompts the new officers to undertake their new responsibilities of leadership.

2. Be it resolved that we extend to all who have so gladly and efficiently cooperated in our program, our sincere thanks, especially to Mrs. S. T. Peterson, official representative of the Luther League of America, and to Rev. E. C. Neilsen, for his supervision and directorship in the absence of the state president, Helen Fink, and to Rev. R. J. Wolf, director of the camp, for his untiring efforts to make possible the holding of the state league convention in this beautiful out of doors.

3. Be it resolved that we assure the executive committee of our entire confidence in conducting the business of the state league until the next convention, and that we assure them of our co-operation in all the undertakings of the League for the coming year.

4. Be it resolved that we rededicate ourselves to the Master and His Cause and that we strive daily to follow "In His Steps."

The following officers were elected: President Miss Mabel Sheaks, Wichita; Vice Pres. Otis Pierce, Salina; Rec. Secy. Martha Brodbeck, Wichita; Corres. Secy. Margaret Eymann, Atchison; Treas. Melvin Behrens, Greenleaf.

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NORTH CAROLINA

The Fifth Annual Convention of the Luther League of North Carolina was held at Kings Mountain, N. C., St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, August 26th, 27th, and 28th. The Convention Theme was "Stewardship."

The first session was held at 8:00 p. m., August 26th. Devotions conducted by Rev. A. M. Huffman, pastor of the local Church. Address of Welcome given by President of St. Mathew's League, Miss Dorothy Kiser and response by John Franklin Davis. Suggestions on how to make this Convention a success by Rev. E R. Lineberger, followed by a solo by Miss Grace Kohn. The opening address "Making an Investment of Life," was made by Rev. J. Luther Sieber, D D., Roanoke, Va.

The Convention opened August 27th at 9:30 with devotions led by Wynne C. Bolick, followed by a song service led by Miss Ella Hyams of Charleston, S. C. Next came enrollment of delegates, greetings from Fraternal delegates, appointment of committees and reports of standing committees.

The afternoon session was opened with devotions led by Hugh J. Rhyne, followed by solo by Mr. Samuel Sox. Next a short pageant was rendered by the Literature Committee, endeavoring to impress upon the delegates the value of Luther League Literature. Following this Prof. L. S. Keyser of Hamma Divinity School, Springfield, Ohio, made an address on "Consecrated Talents."

On Thursday afternoon all delegates met at the Church about 6:00 p. m. and were taken in cars to Cleveland Springs, about twenty miles from Kings Mountain where the local League entertained at a banquet. A very delightful program was planned for this entertainment, which was enjoyed by more than 200 persons.

Friday morning session was opened with devotions led by Mr. Leroy Blackwelder and song service by Miss Hyams. The remainder of the morning was devoted to business. Officers elected for the coming year and a budget of $4,000.00 was adopted. Andrea College was voted our Foreign Mission objective and Rocky Mount, N. C., our Home Mission objective.

The devotions for the afternoon session were conducted by Mr. Jeff Norris, song service led by Miss Hyams. Following this Mr. C. C. Dittmer brought an inspiring message from the National League. He dwelt mostly upon the importance of Life Service. Rev. S. W. Hawn then discussed Luther League methods.

The last meeting of the Fifth Annual Convention of the Luther League of North Carolina was held Friday night. Devotions led by Mr. E. F. Troutman, followed by a solo by Miss Mabel Rudisill. The address of the evening was delivered by Dr. C. A. Sunberg, of Thiel College, Greenville, Pa., his subject being "Stewardship in Beneficence."

This was considered one of the best Conventions ever held in North Carolina. We now have 104 Leagues in this State who are members of the State League, seventy of these Leagues had delegates at this convention. Reports were received from 69 Leagues, which showed a membership of 2,173. During the past year $4,218.35 was raised for benevolence and $1,895.15 for local purposes, making a total of $6,113.50.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The Fifteenth Annual Convention of the Luther League of South Carolina was held in Columbia, S. C., on August 24-26. Seventy Leagues were represented by 140 delegates. The theme of the Convention was "Stewardship," and during the meeting "Stewardship in Administration," "Stewardship of Talents," and "Stewardship of Life" were ably discussed. The following were the speakers of the Convention: Miss Marion E. Potts of Japan; Rev. L. S. Keyser, D.D. of Springfield, Ohio; Rev. J. L. Sieber, D.D. of Roanoke, Va.; Rev. Prof. C. A. Sundberg of Greenville, Pa.; Rev. W. H. Greever, D.D. of Columbia, S. C.; Mr. C. C. Dittmer of Brookland, N. Y. Devotions were led by: Rev. T. F. Suber of Columbia, J. W. Oxner of New Brookland and Messrs. W. C. Bolick, L. G. Cooper, K. W. Kinard of the Southern Lutheran Seminary. The Convention was happy to have as fraternal delegates: Rev. H. J. Black, D D., Pres. of the S. C. Synod; Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, Pres. of the W. M. S. of S. C.; Miss Mirian Greever, Secretary of the Southeastern District of the Lutheran Students Association; Miss Olga Linsenmeyer from the Virginia State League; H. J. Rhyne from the North Carolina League; Rev. J. W. Horine, D.D. from the Southern Lutheran Seminary;

Rev. G. F. Morgan, Pres. of Summerland College; Dr. S. J. Derrick, Pres. of Newberry College; C. E. Hottinger, Supt. of the Lowman Home. The delegation was also inspired by the presence of two of our Deaconesses, Sister Eva Widmeyer and Sister May Haltiwanger, and one Parish Helper, Miss Edna Lunden, as well as by the large representation of Ministers.

A number of recommendations made by the President, Karl W. Kinard were passed. Among these were: the introduction of the Intermediate work in the S. C. League and the election of an Intermediate Secretary; that a Field Secretary again be placed in the field; that the $1,500 apportioned to the State League by the L. L. of America for Andhra College be accepted; that a campaign for new subscribers to the Review be put on. The Treasurer, B. R. Myers reported that about $3,300 had been raised during the past year. Miss Katie Freyschmidt, Chairman of the Finance Committee made her report and the following budget was adopted for the year 1925-26:

Foreign Missions—	
Administration Building for Andhra College (1st payment)	$ 750
Home & Inner Missions—	
Rock Hill Mission	250
Clinton Mission	250
Salem Orphanage	100
Lowman Home (For aged and infirm)	100
Field Secretary	400
Educational—	
Summerland and Newberry College Students' Aid Fund (For aid of worthy needy students)	300
Seminary Library Fund	100
Summer School	50
Literature	75
General Current Expenses	375
Total	$2,750

The Chairman of the Extension Committee, Miss Lucy Brady and the Field Secretary, Miss Myrtle Davis reported that the State League had been organized in the Six Districts, as was suggested at the Convention in 1924; also that five new local Leagues had been organized. A 22-point Standard for Honor Roll was adopted; also Books suggested for Bible, Mission and Life Service Study. The Life Service Secretary reported that two young women from the S. C. League will enter the Deaconess House in October, five young men the Southern Seminary, and that one man—Ira Haltiwanger—had been added to the Foreign Mission Service Flag.

Officers for 1925-26 were elected as follows: Pres. C. K. Derrick (of Irmo), Lutheran Seminary; Vice Pres. Miss Winnie Butt of Charleston; Rec. Secty. Miss Mary Alice Suber of Newberry; Cor. Secty. Miss Marion Stucke of Charleston; Missionary Secty. Miss Lucy Brady of Little Mountain; Educational Life Service Secty. Miss Myrtle Davis of Columbia; Treasurer Ellis Efird of Lexington; Intermediate Secty. Miss Edna M. Lunden of Columbia; Archivist Mrs. J. D. Carroll of Lexington. The election of fraternal delegates and the place of meeting for the next Convention was left in the hands of the Executive Committee. The enthusiasm manifested by those in attendance at this Convention, their willingness to serve, together with the spirit which prompted them to offer themselves, are all indicative of the fact that the young people of South Carolina are more alive to their duty and obligation than ever before, and that they will press on to do greater things in the future.

MARYLAND

St. Paul's Church, Walkersville, Md., Rev. C. A. Shilke, Pastor, was the scene of the Fourth Annual Convention of the Luther League of The Maryland Synod, Sept. 23rd-24th, which was a banner one over previous years; the speakers were superb, attendance good, and enthusiasm strong. The feast of inspiration was served at five interesting and awakening sessions.

After the registration of delegates, at the opening session Wednesday, 1:45 p. m., Sept. 23rd, devotions were conducted by Rev. C. A. Neal of Myersville, Md., followed by an address of welcome by Miss Nina Jamison of the Convention Church.

Rev. Ferdinand Hesse of Smithsburg, Md., fraternal visitor from The Maryland Synod, stressed the Luther League as the official Young People's organization of our Church.

A routine of business was conducted. As a result of the Nominating Committee's report, all officers succeeded themselves, who are as follows: President Virgil W. Doub, Middletown; vice president Wm. F. Smith, Baltimore, Md.; rec. secretary Miss Mable G. Smith, Smithsburg, Md.; cor. secretary Ernest M. Foust, Washington, D. C.; treasurer Robert G. Blocher, Washington, D. C.

Rev. Oscar F. Blackwelder of Baltimore delivered the Keynote Address, "Go Forward," from which radiated many beautiful and inspiring thoughts, some of the leading ones being, "The keywords of Christianity are 'Come' and 'Go'"; "In going forward we need two things, consecrated hearts and consecrated hands"; "an appreciative heart is at the kernel of a man's spirit and at the center of consecrated work."

A solo, "The Lord Is My Shepherd," was very ably rendered by Mr. John Doub of Middletown, Md.

The Convention assembled in the capacity of a banquet at 5:30 p. m., with Rev. H. D. Hays, D.D. of Washington as Toastmaster, and Rev. John D. Wiedley, D.D., President of Maryland Synod and Mr. Wm. Yingling of Baltimore as speakers.

At 7:30 p. m. the sermon was delivered by Rev. Abdel Ross Wentz, Ph.D., D.D., of Gettysburg Theological Seminary, subject, "Onward for the King."

At 9:00 a. m. Thursday, devotions were led by Rev. L. C. Sorrick of Woodsboro, Md.

Miss Barbara Wiegand, president of The District Luther League of Washington, gave a full and interesting account of the Milwaukee Convention, including statistics showing the progress of the Luther League of America.

At this session we were given food for thought, as well as for practical application, for consecrated Luther League service, when the subjects "Efficient Committee Work," and "Better Prayer Meetings," were discussed by Miss Olga Linsenmeyer, Field Secretary of Virginia Synod Luther League and Mr. Henry Frick of Baltimore, respectively.

After special music, came the thrill! A stirring address by Rev. J. Roy Strock, D.D., Missionary in India, on "Andhra Christian College," turned our hearts, minds and pocket-books to India, and we realized anew our responsibility and opportunity for putting into accomplishment, our three-fold Luther League objective, EDUCATION, MISSIONS, LIFE SERVICE. The various units of the Synodical League presented their pledges in behalf of Andhra Christian College Administration Building (Luther League Hall), amounting to $1,125.00, a number of which pledges promise to be overpaid; we pray that they will, for Education, Missions and Life Service in India!

Thursday afternoon's session opened with devotions, at 1:45, after which there was a general discussion on "A Budget," showing how it is used, what results are attained, and the various methods of financing.

A real strength was added to this session as we listened to the Junior and Intermediate Secretary of the Luther League of America, Miss Brenda Mehlhouse, who, in her usual entertaining and whole-souled way, gave methods for conducting the Junior and Intermediate departments of the Luther League, and ways for training and preparing for Senior League activities and service.

It was our pleasure, not unmingled with profound regret, to have present and address us in his unrivalled and eloquent manner, our "Acting" General Secretary of the Luther League of America, Mr. Harry Hodges, of Philadelphia, whose last message to our Maryland Synod Luther League, in the capacity of Executive Secretary, "like the mellow rays of the departing sun," fell tenderly, yet sadly, upon our hearts.

The installation of the re-elected officers was the following feature of this session, at which time Mr. Hodges officiated.

A brief routine of unfinished business was then conducted.

Following the adjournment of the afternoon session, the convention delegates and visitors enjoyed a sight-seeing trip, planned under the auspices of the hospitable congregation of the convention church.

The formal closing of the convention was graced with the prayer of our "Acting" General Secretary, Mr. Harry Hodges, followed with the benediction by Rev. Henry A. Mankin, Jr., of Washington, D. C.

May our Maryland Synod Luther League, in keeping with its convention theme, go forward, in the dynamic power of its youth, bearing the torchlight of Lutheranism as the outshining lustre of Christendom!

OHIO

LUTHER LEAGUE RECOGNITION SERVICE
(as used in the Fourth Church, Springfield, Ohio.)

Characters—Parts may be taken by selected characters or, as suggested in this text, by Luther League president and respective chairmen.

A young girl may act as a guiding spirit for the new members, handing them small candles and squares of cardboard on which to carry them. She can also quietly give them such directions as are necessary and lead them in the recessional.

Setting—Church should be in darkness. If art window above the altar contains figure of Christ, it is very effective to illuminate this. If it is not electrically equipped the desired effect may be obtained with automobile spot lights from the outside.

Costumes—Costumes in Grecian style may be prepared quite easily by draping lengths of colored cheese-cloth over plain white slips. The cheese-cloth should be in lengths of three yards each and in different shades, the character of Luther League wearing white with bandeau to match.

Luther League enters from side of chancel, bearing lighted candle and stands in center of chancel.

Luther League—I am the Spirit of the Luther League. My task is to carry the work of the Church through the agency of her youth—to her youth. It is my duty to prepare the young people for their more difficult work in the Church.

Let us remember that God has no earthly hands but ours to do His work; no feet save ours to carry the glad tidings; no lips but ours to tell His message of love and salvation.

In my hand I hold the flame of truth which shines from the altar of our God and even as the needs of God's children are varied, so must the nature of their work differ; but all who would labor in His vineyards must light their way with His truth.

You who would carry on this work of the Master, come forth and light your tapers that you may be guided by His truth.

You,—who would carry the light to other lands:

Missionary Chairman comes forward and lights candle.

Missionary Chairman—Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:, and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

Luther League—You who worship with song:

Music Chairman comes forward and lights candle.

Music Chairman—It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name Oh Most High:

To show forth thy loving kindness in the morning and thy faithfulness every night,

Upon an instrument of ten strings and upon the psaltery: upon the harp with a solemn sound.

Luther League—You who would direct the social life of our League, why do you consider your work important?

Social Chairman comes forward and lights candle.

Social Chairman—The Bible tells us that Christ "waxed strong and grew in favor with God and man." I would aid the Godly youth in earning the favor of man.

Luther League—You who bid us come each Lord's Day eve and worship in His Temple:

Devotional Chairman comes forward and lights candle.

Devotional Chairman—I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go in to the house of the Lord, and God has promised to be with them when two or three are gathered together in His name.

Luther League—You who add new members to our number:

Membership Chairman comes forward and lights candle.

Membership Chairman—The Scriptures bid us, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth," so we should encourage our young people to labor with us in the Master's vineyard.

Luther League—The Master tells us, "Take My yoke upon you and learn of me."

You who would take up this yoke should not walk in darkness but light your pathway with the flame of truth.

New members come forward and light candles from any of the tapers and arrange themselves outside altar, with heads bowed while soloist sings the consecration hymn, No. 382 in Common Service Book.

Luther League—Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.

Recessional—"All Christians League Together," No. 578, Common Service Book.

First Luther League, Findlay, Ohio, had either the misfortune or good fortune to have all its officers go away to college so the pastor took a hand and called a meeting and elected new officers and is reorganizing the League.

The First League did not have any delegates to the State Convention so Carey League invited First League, Findlay, to come over and hear their delegates report, which invitation was gladly accepted.

NEW YORK

Our League recently adopted the 1925 Senior Mt. Vernon Reading Course and we have already purchased the books and have started reading them.

On September 17th, we gave a very unusual concert which consisted of Colored Spirituals. All those who took part in this concert were members of the Colored Choir of St. Catherine's A. M. E. Zion Church of New Rochelle, N. Y. This concert was given for the benefit of the Building Fund of our Church. It was very well received and greatly appreciated by all who attended.

We assisted the other societies of our Church in making preparation for Rally Day which was held on September 20th.

We held our monthly meeting on September 3rd and had as our guest and speaker, Mr. Edward Fernschild, Vice President of the New York State Luther League.

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THE DAILY DOZEN IN BIBLE EXERCISE

(*Continued from page* 31)

of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ," and only by our daily reading of the Book of books can this be done. And just as we need a system in our daily exercises in order that we may derive the most benefit from them, so we need to read God's Word according to some plan. Our Luther League has provided for this work in its "Daily Bible Readings" with which we should all be familiar and by which we may study the Bible in such a way that we may understand it aright. Here we have a "Daily Dozen" of spiritual exercises which, if properly used, will help us to grow more fully in favor with God and man and come into that sonship with God through Jesus Christ which He meant for us all to have. And just as we need, in the use of our physical exercises, the proper atmosphere of fresh air, so we need to approach the reading of God's Word in the proper atmosphere which is that of prayer, and we find that our League provides us with a suitable prayer before and after the reading.

How many of us have taken a few minutes each morning and evening, as we have started and ended our labors for the day, to read a portion of that Book which is our only sure and safe guide through life? Only those who have done so know the power and the joy and the peace that have thus come into their lives. Let us turn and heed the call of our spiritual selves for daily exercise in reading our Bibles and we shall find that the more we read the stronger we shall become and, in the joy of that strength, there will come a happiness far greater than this world can ever give. Try it, my dear Luther Leaguers, and see for yourselves.

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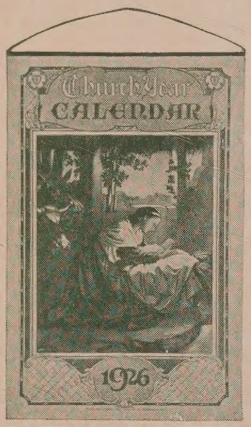

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